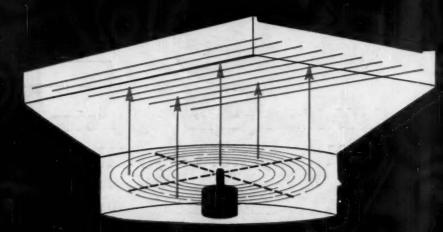
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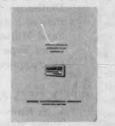
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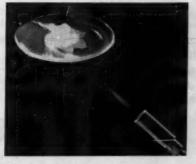
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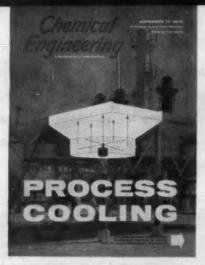
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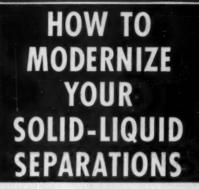
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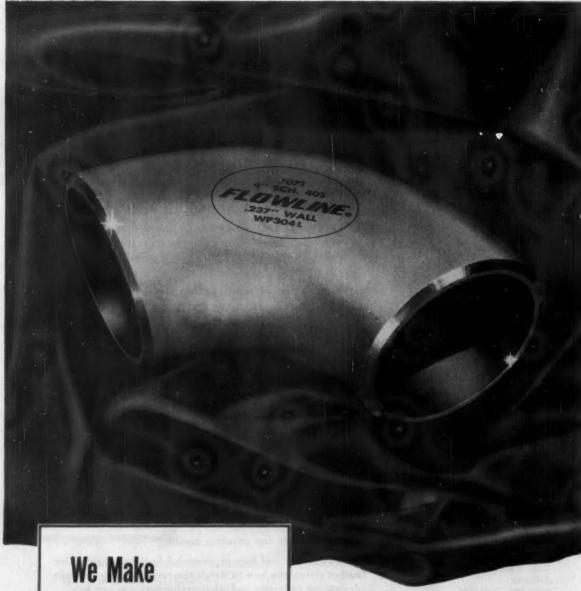
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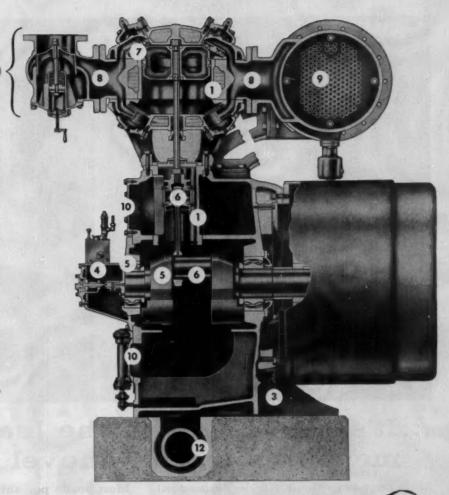
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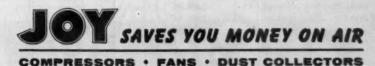
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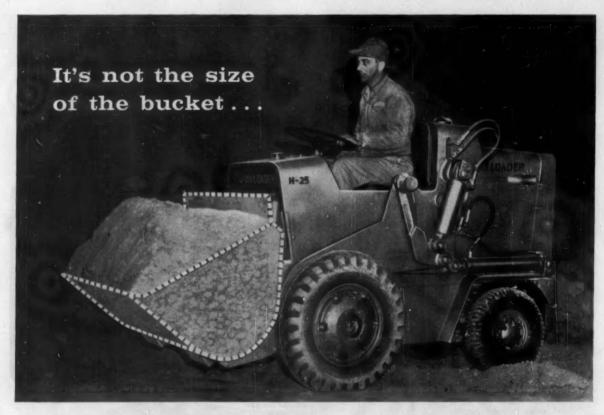
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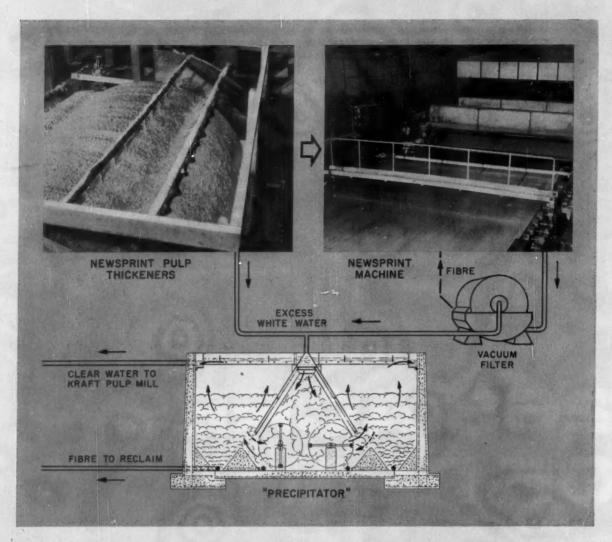
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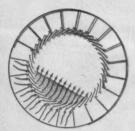
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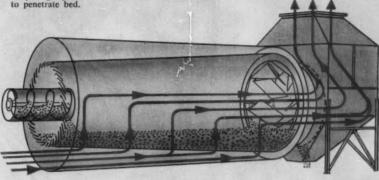


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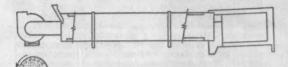


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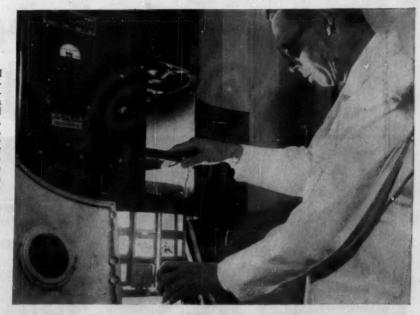
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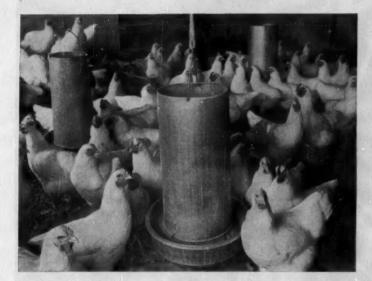
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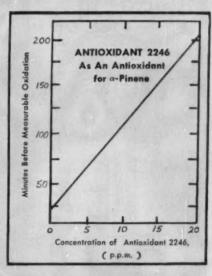
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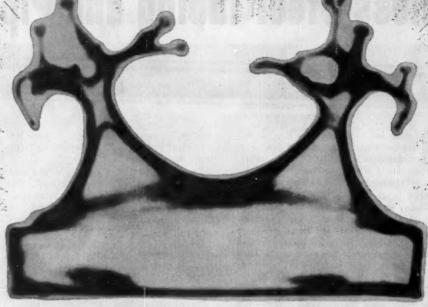
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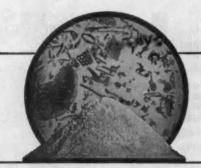
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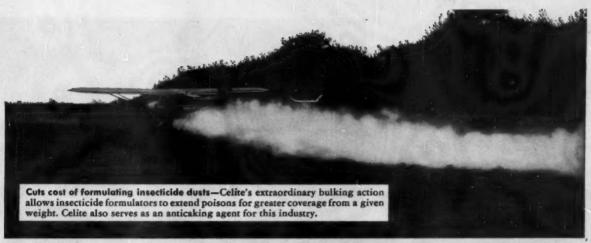
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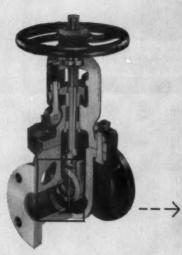
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OIC end-seated ring cross section

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Yokes in all sizes permit replacement of the yoke nut when the valve is wide open, without interrupting flow.

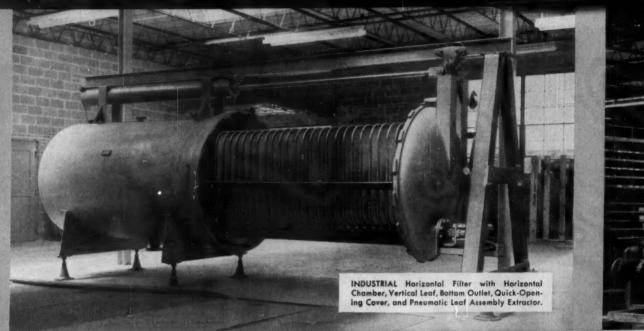
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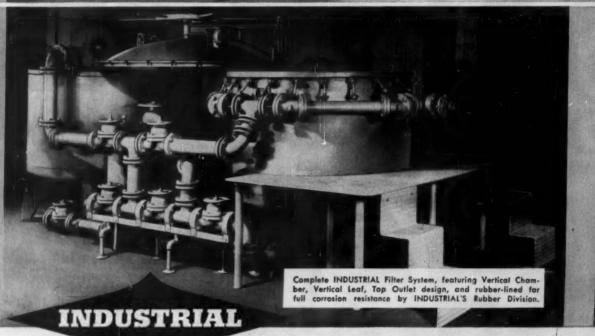
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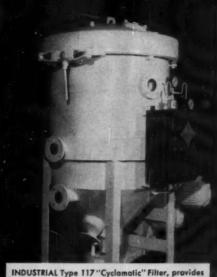
INDUSTRIAL is more than a builder of filtration equipment—it's a specialized engineering service that makes available to you over 25 years of filtration experience and techniques. Our engineers and chemists will work with you to develop a system which takes into consideration all the factors vital to your specific operation—type of slurry, filter design, cake recovery, cleaning, piping, auxiliary apparatus, and controls. At

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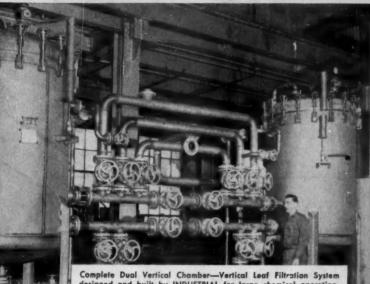
Remember, too, that INDUSTRIAL produces a full range of filter types and sizes—and can therefore recommend, without partiality, a filter most suitable for your needs. A wide variety of cost-saving optional features are also available. And all systems are adaptable to full or partial automation.

Call or write INDUSTRIAL to find out how properly-engineered filtration equipment and techniques can improve product quality and cut processing costs.

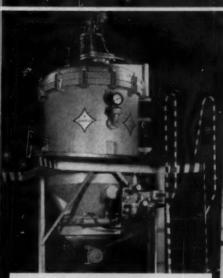




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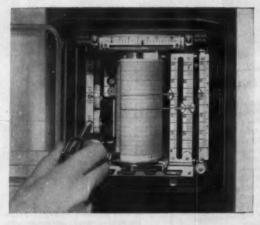
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## TRI-SCOPE CONTROLLER

of derivative-ahead-of-reset response<sup>†</sup> these three important features

- Start up without overpeaking
- 2 Recovery from large load changes without overpeaking
- 3 Superior control following normal load changes

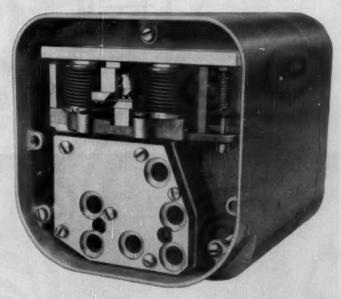
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HERE is the perfect solution to your problems of overpeaking on start-up and large load changes—inherent weaknesses of proportional-plus-reset controllers. It is equally effective at all times whether variable is approaching control point from above or below—on start-up, or following major process disturbances or changes in set point.

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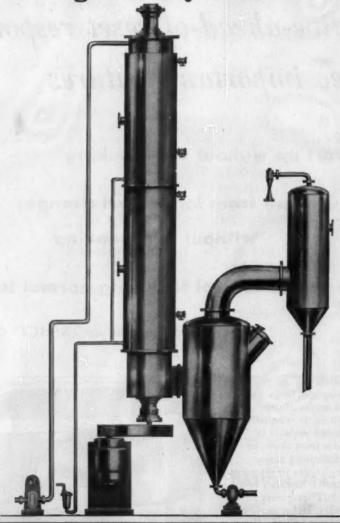


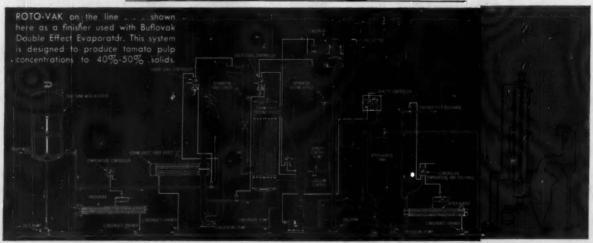
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### upgrade product quality...cuts production costs

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External Vapor Separator provides high efficiency, centrifugal separation. Vapor and product are separated independently from the heating surface. True down-flow design eliminates reflux of product.

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External Bearings use well designed mechanical seals or stuffing boxes to eliminate product contamination. Only the rotor assembly contacts the product.

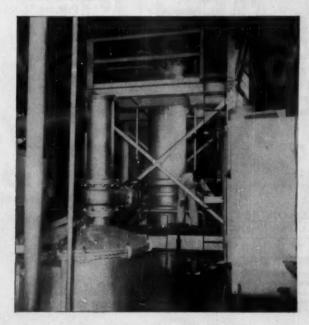


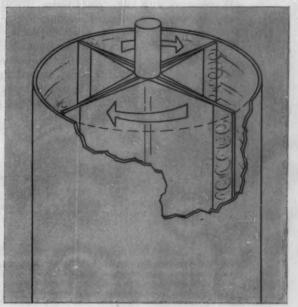
### BLAW-KNOX COMPANY

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ROTO-VAK produces tomato paste at 40% to 50% solids. The concentrated product retains its original qualities, is immediately ready for canning. An additional sterilization process is eliminated.

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### SPECIFICATION: Alcoa Aluminum

CHARACTERISTICS: low cost • minimum metal pick-up • short half life • special resistance to CO<sub>2</sub> • no color imparted • nontoxic • contributes no iron or copper contamination

High purity water itself represents an appreciable investment. Protection of that investment requires a special combination of characteristics in the metal used to contain high purity water. Aluminum provides those properties at a cost far lower than that of other metals which might be used. That's why more and more Alcoa® Aluminum is being specified today for handling high purity water in such varied applications as these: reactor cooling systems in nuclear power plants... condensate handling in both nuclear and orthodox power generation systems... pharmaceutical manufacturing... television picture tube manufacturing... and a variety of laboratory systems where high purity water must be stored or circulated.

The outstanding corrosion resistance of aluminum insures minimum metal pick-up—important to maintaining water purity at the highest possible level. Aluminum's special resistance to CO<sub>2</sub> makes it ideal for storing or handling boiler condensate. It imparts no color to the water it contains. It is nontoxic. And aluminum's short half-life makes it an ideal material for atomic reactor applications (see flow chart).

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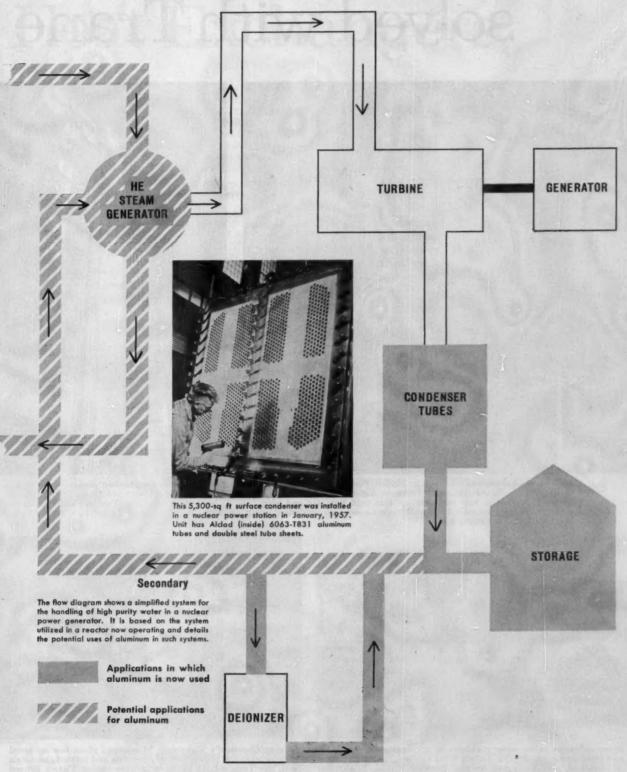




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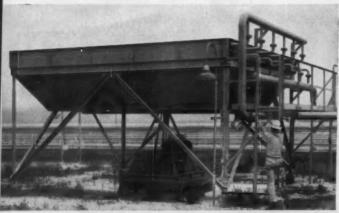
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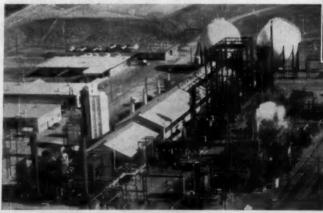
Air Reduction Company designed its Butler, Pennsylvania liquid oxygen plant around Trane Brazed Aluminum Heat Exchangers, obtaining efficient, economical heat exchange. In this cold box, air and nitrogen streams are reversed on a 10-minute cycle to clean up condensed water, ico, CO<sup>3</sup> and other impurities.



Foster Wheeler Corporation designed this synthetic nitrogen plant for Deere & Company. They report that the Trane Heat Exchange equipment has operated four years without trouble of any kind.



Many refineries selve water problems by air-cooling liquids, gases and condensing vapors with Trane Fluid Coolers. Also widely used in chemical, petroleum and natural gasoline plants, Trane Air Coolers cut real estate costs and maintenance expense. And while they cost no more than other types of cooling equipment, they have a far greater life expectancy.



Spencer Chemical's Vicksburg, Mississippi plant has achieved more economical production of ammonia and related chemicals with the Texaco-HRI methane process—using Trane Brazed Aluminum Heat Exchangers. Temperature approaches as close as 5° F reduce power costs for refrigeration; compact design cuts space and construction costs.

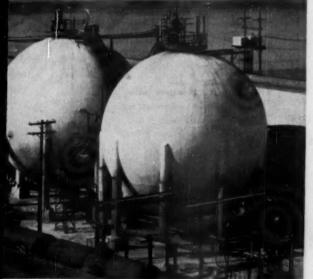
# transfer problems Heat Exchangers

Every year, more and more plants are relying on TRANE Heat Transfer equipment for a wide variety of process applications. These plants report that TRANE Heat Transfer equipment helps them in five important ways:

- Reduced refrigeration costs
- Close temperature approaches
- Efficient, economical heat exchange
- Trouble-free operation
- Elimination of water problems (with TRANE Fluid Coolers)

Trane Brazed Aluminum Heat Exchange equipment is lightweight, compact—packs 450 sq. ft. of heat exchange surface into 1 cubic foot. Its performance characteristics give you temperature approaches as close as 5° F. Rugged and dependable, it withstands operating pressures as high as 600 psig. And you cut space and construction costs, too, because a typical cold box with Trane Brazed Aluminum Exchangers requires only half as much space as one with conventional heat transfer equipment!

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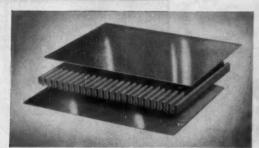
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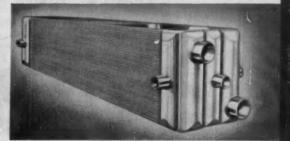
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The Atlantic Refining Company reports temperature approaches of 5° F plus 99.99% pure anhydrous ammonia in their Philadelphia plant—using fifty Trane Brazed Aluminum Heat Exchangers.



Lightweight, compact Trane Brazed Aluminum consists of corrugated aluminum sheets brazed together to form a stack of layers which form individual passages for the flow of fluids or gasses. Provides up to nine times the surface per square foot of shell-and-tube exchangers!



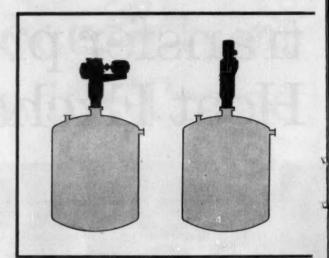
Headered for 5-stream operation, this Trane Brazed Aluminum Heat Exchanger can handle as many as five fluids simultaneously. Units are available for either cross-flow or counter-flow operation. Surface can be fabricated in a wide variety of shapes and sizes to meet all types of requirements.

## • If headroom is no problem, do vertical motor mixer drives have any advantages over horizontal motor units?

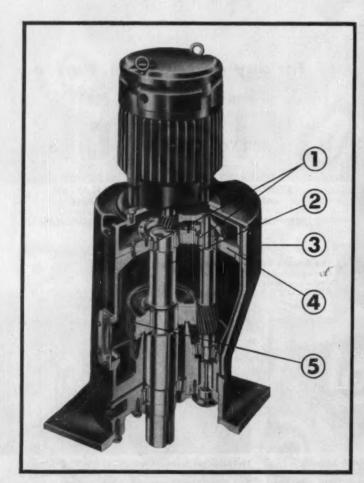
Philadelphia horizontal motor "3800 Series" and vertical motor "MV Series" both have the same high quality construction. From the standpoint of performance, drive efficiency and life expectancy, they are equal. However, each type has certain inherent advantages.

"3800 Series" units have an advantage in operating and mounting flexibility to meet changing process requirements. Change-gear sets are easier to install. Motors are somewhat easier to replace and horizontal drives can more readily utilize special motors such as variable speed types. Headroom requirements for the "3800 Series" are minimum for maximum bearing span. On the other hand, horizontal motor drives occupy more room immediately above the tank top and stresses imposed upon mounting nozzles by the overhung motors can require extra drive support . . . especially in the larger sizes.

"MV Series" vertical motor units have an advantage in that they occupy much less space at tank top, making it easier to install process piping. Better access to the tank is provided. Supporting difficulties are minimized because vertical drives are better balanced. While vertical motor drives are less flexible for a quick change of motors and output shaft speed, their greater inherent design simplicity makes them a more economical offering. They will usually be a sound choice when adequate headroom is available.



## it's questions like these ... that get

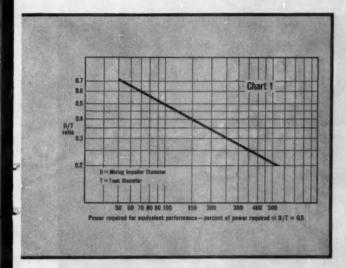


## • What design factors insure maintenance of drive shaft alignment, even after years of operation?

A The ability of a shaft to run dead-true, through years of operation, depends primarily upon the design approach of the manufacturer. When extra large, extra high capacity bearings (1) are used, shafts (2) can be larger, stiffer, heavier duty. When other drive components . . housings (3) bearing supports (4) and gearing (5) ... are designed for extra strength, shafts will be supported with near-absolute rigidity. Result: damaging shaft deflection simply cannot occur. Gearing is effectively isolated from unbalanced loads.

You will get truer shaft operation at shaft seals.

Whenever alternate offerings are being evaluated ... and if price and output torque ratings are competitive ... then the basic design approach of each manufacturer demands careful examination if you are to get full advantage of the savings that result from better performance, less maintenance and longer life.



Q. Are "dollars per horsepower" a valid basis for comparing mixer values?

A. No. Mixers having the same horsepower rating and drive efficiency can vary widely in torque rating. Torque applied to the mix is what does the work and torque is what you pay for. When comparing mixer values, the most important first step is that of developing torque ratings of alternate units offered. Using the most familiar units, torque can be calculated as follows:

Torque (lb. inches) =  $\frac{63025 \times Motor HP}{Mixer shaft RPM}$ 

The mixer having the lower torque rating must use a higher mixer shaft speed and smaller diameter impeller to maintain a given level of mixer output. This can lead to unsatisfactory performance. However, a mixer of equivalent horsepower rating but with a higher torque rating and larger impeller will do the job well. For an idea of the importance of impeller size, the chart shows the influence of impeller diameter in relation to tank diameter (D/T ratio) upon motor HP required for a specific level of performance in many industrial mixing operations. The bigger impeller at the slower speed (higher applied torque) will be a sounder choice.

## down to basics in buying mixers . . .



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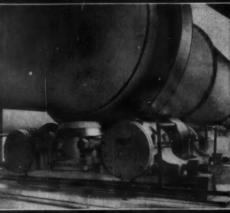
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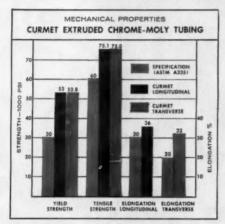
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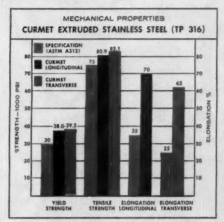
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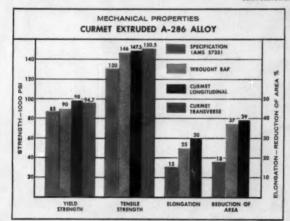
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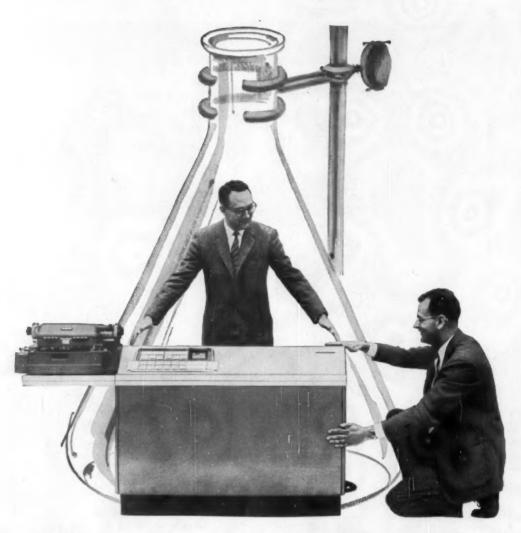
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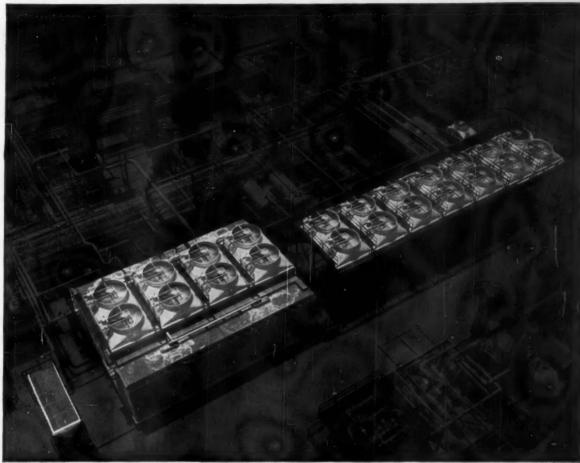
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Process cooling in Cosden Petroleum Corporation's new West Texas refining units is largely by direct use of air. Over 250 million BTU's per hour are dissipated directly to five billion standard cubic feet per day of air moved by 38 fans in HUDSON Solo-aire or Combin-aire units.

Solo-aire units are used where low effluent temperatures are unnecessary. Combinaire units, in which air is first precooled with water, are used where lower effluent stream temperatures are required. The cooled water from the Combin-aires is available for other cooling services; the Combin-aires in this case performing the further function of water cooling towers. Water spray, carryover or condensation is impossible as the effluent hot air is under saturated with water vapor. Combin-aires are installed adjacent to other process equipment.

These Solo-aires and Combin-aires at Cosden, and hundreds of other HUDSON units in oil, gas and chemical processing plants confirm the advantages of cooling with maximum air and minimum water.

Before finalizing design of new process units, let HUDSON assist you in determining optimum balance in use of air and water.



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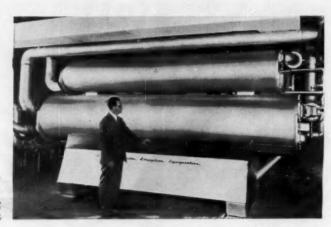
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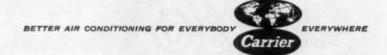
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Why have these companies chosen Carrier Absorption Refrigeration—and why have so many of them become repeat buyers? One reason: economy. Cooling produced by low-pressure steam or hot water is often the best way to handle refrigeration requirements in a processing plant. Another reason: reliability. For years Carrier Absorption Machines have established an unmatched record for dependability in more than 1000 installations throughout the world.

Of course, there are other reasons. So the next time you need refrigeration, why not call Carrier and get the whole story? Call your nearest Carrier office. Or write Carrier Corporation, Syracuse 1, New York.



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Other Vinyl Plasticizers

### Methods for Making Borane **Fuels Now Being Piloted**

Operation of a high-energy-fuel pilot plant for the Air Force began recently at AFN, Inc., Henderson, Nevada. The company is owned

Henderson, Nevada. The company is owned jointly by American Potash, Food Machinery, and the U.S.I. Division of National Distillers (see U.S.I. Chemical News—February 1958). This new plant is a process development unit designed, engineered and constructed by AFN under Air Force sponsorship to develop a large-scale production method for alkyl borane high energy fuels, materials of great importance to the nation's missile program.

### ATTENTION: Users of Specially **Denatured Alcohol**

Citric acid may now be added to toilet preparations containing tartar emetic to prevent clouding, according to an industry circular issued by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division.

Since issuing the regulation that tartar emetic or sucrose octa-acetate must be added to bay rum, alcoholado, or alcoholado-type toilet waters made with specially denatured alcohol, the Division has discovered that tartar emetic produces cloudiness in formulations.

The Division recommends the use of onequarter grain of citric acid per fluid ounce of finished product to eliminate cloudine The circular says: "Permittees now holding approved formulas for the manufacture of alcoholado or bay rum containing tartar emetic and who elect to add citric acid ... need not submit new formulas on Form 1479-A. However, formulas submitted in future for these products in which citric acid is to be used must show such use.

### Cetyl Alcohol "Blanket" Lowers Water Evaporation

Researchers have discovered that a one molecule-thick layer of cetyl alcohol, spread on the surface of water in a reservoir, can reduce evaporation by as much as 65%. A pound of this harmless chemical will cover 10 acres of surface and last about 3 days against the action of wind and dirt. It is calculated that a pound per acre per month provides adequate protection, and that millions of dollars could be saved this way yearly in areas where water is usually in short supply.

Cetyl alcohol acts by spreading over the water surface to seal out air. It must extend to the reservoir banks to be effective. Its self-healing property insures that there will be no uncovered places on the surface for long, should wind or dirt break the coating.

Some practical problems must be solved before usage can become widespread. These include methods of applying and replacing the chemical. One solution being examined involves placing pelletized cetyl alcohol in screens on floats or buoys on the water.

### **Tests Confirm That Methionine** Is Absorbed Through the Skin

Known Healing Properties of Methionine, Plus Proof Of Skin Absorption, Suggest Wide Application in Topically Applied Cosmetics, Toiletries, Medications

It has been established by thorough study that methionine is absorbed by the body when applied to the skin. Radioactive tracer studies made with guinea

pigs reveal that administration of methionine by skin has nearly half the efficiency of oral feeding.

Methionine is an essential sulfur amino acid, a precursor of cystine in the skin, hair, nails and other tissues. It has been shown previously that methionine administered orally:

- · decreases healing time of surface wounds
- · cures some forms of diaper rash
- · aids in disappearance of warts
- · protects against radiation damage
- · helps reduce tumor growth
- · overcomes urinary infections

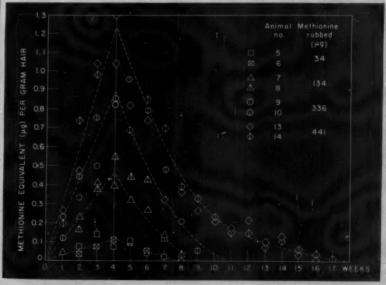
Experience with topical application has revealed that methionine:

- · promotes rapid healing of burns and other wounds
- · heals varicose leg ulcers
- promotes good skin tone
- · has helped in treatment of falling hair

Now that definite experimental data has been compiled on the rate and extent of methi-

onine absorption through the skin, it is felt that its healing properties can be utilized

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Uptake of methionine (5<sup>35</sup>) in hair of rubbed goinea pigs. (Edwards, L. J.: Nature, 173, 1042)

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### Methionine

extensively by formulators of cosmetics, toiletries and topically applied medications. Creams and lotions to maintain skin tone, treat burns and sunburn, and hasten the healing of minor cuts, scratches and abrasions are among the possibilities. Incorporation into baby talcs, after-shave lotions and men's hair preparations is also indicated. The possibilities are many.

Test Procedures

Here's how the tests were made. Methionine labeled with a radioactive sulfur (Sas) tracer was applied in aqueous solution to a shaved area on the backs of the test guinea pigs by gentle rubbing. The same solution was also injected intramuscularly into a second group of guinea pigs, and fed orally to a third group. Hair from the treated animals was clipped at weekly intervals, washed, and its radioactivity determined. The per cent of absorption by these three methods of application were, respectively, 1%, 3-5%, and 2%, based upon the test results.

The animals subjected to topical application were treated four days a week for four weeks. Their hair showed a steady build-up of radioactivity during this time. When application was stopped, radioactivity declined steadily. The chart on the preceding page shows

the curve.

### New Surface Treatment for Polyethylene Makes It Receptive to Printing Ink

A new chemical treatment for giving the surface of polyethylene an affinity for printing inks is outlined in British Patent 772,803. Two types of chemical solutions are mentioned:

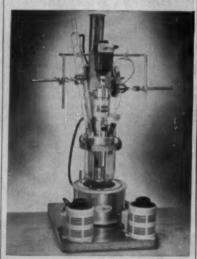
(1) A 4% aqueous solution of a permanganate containing 10-30% by weight of sulfuric acid. A brown permanganate stain results which can be removed with potassium bisulfite without affecting film's receptiveness to ink.

(2) A 30% aqueous solution of a chromate or dichromate containing not more than 30% by weight of sulfuric acid. Both chemical treatments are followed by washing and drying.

### New High-Speed Stirrer For Dispersing Sodium

A new unit, designed to apply high-speed stirring to many types of small-scale chemical reactions, has been tested and found satisfactory for dispersing sodium. As part of a research program on preparation and uses of sodium in dispersed form, the U.S.I. laboratories have evaluated the new Chemtor Dispersion Reactor and have found that it compares favorably with other small-scale units suggested in the U.S.I. literature (see the 42-page U.S.I. brochure "Sodium Dispersions" for complete discussions of Cowles Dissolver, Premier Mill Dispersator, Waring Blendor).

The Chemtor Dispersion Reactor, like the others, can be used to increase the surface area of sodium — for faster reactions and higher yields — in Claisen condensations, Wurtz-type reactions, purifications, metallations, preparation of sodium alcholates, preparation of alkyl and aryl sodium, polymerizations and replacement of acidic hydrogen.



Chemter high-speed dispersion reactor system.

#### TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Information about manufacturers of these items may be obtained by writing U.S.I.

Powdered replacement for liquid acids just introduced is blend of acid salts, activators, surfactants. Acid solutions prepared by dissolving in water. Suggested for activating metals before plating, and as pickling agent.

No. 1410

Barium chloranilate reagent powder for sulfate determinations is now being marketed. Reduces working time to one half hour maximum, it is claimed. Suitable for analyses of water, petroleum products, many other materials.

New gamma-sensitive scintillation detector is specially designed for medical diagnostic use of radioisotopes. Is said to be ideally suited for thyroid or kidney function studies, cardiac output determinations, 3-D body scanning. No. 1412

Feed industry outlook for next 50 years — covers expected advances in farm economics, biochemical developments, feed automation, liquid supplements, etc. in reprint form.

No. 1413

New rauwolfia alkaloid raubasine is now available in commercial quantity. Product is also known as ajmalicine, delta-yohimbine and tetrahydroserpentine.

High purity 2-butene and 1-butene concentrates are now commercially available. The 2-butene contains no isobutyles. 0.5% max. 1-butene. 1% max. butadiene, 96% min. 2-butene balance n-butane. The 1-butene contains 5% max. isobutylene, 60% min. 1-butene, balance No. 1415

Disposable-paper temperature indicators for 100, 105, 110°F can now be obtained. Work by irreversible color change. Developed for measuring temperatures attained by heat-sensitive biologicals, etc. in storage and transit.

No. 1416

Cholesterol's chemistry, biochemistry and pathology are detailed in a new, 542-page book which can now be purchased. Prepared by an international group of authors, book gives complete picture of present knowledge on compound.

No. 1417

Small-capacity pump or meter designed to fit conventional laboratory stirring motor drives is now on market. Mounts on same ring stand as such motors. Said to handle small flows of Chemical liquids, slurries, pastes.

No. 1418

Proceedings of Sixth International Conference on Spectroscopy (May 1956) have recently been published as a supplement to Spectrochimica Acta, 1957 and offered for sale. Includes papers on UV absorptiometry, IR spectroscopy, emission, spectrometry.

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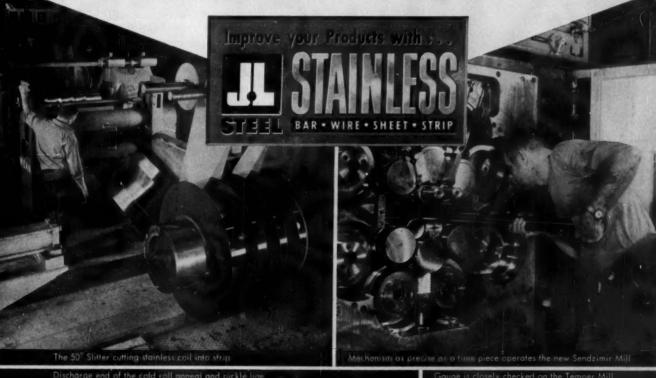
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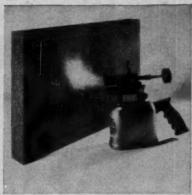
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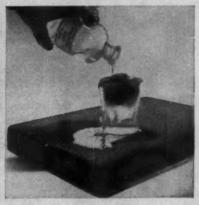
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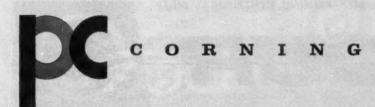
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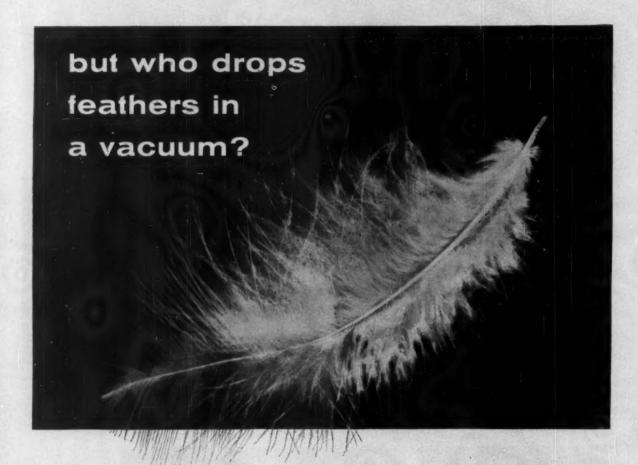


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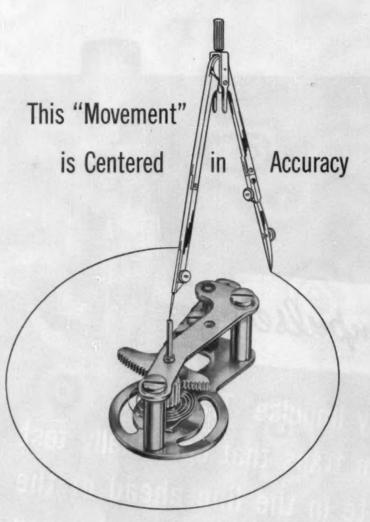


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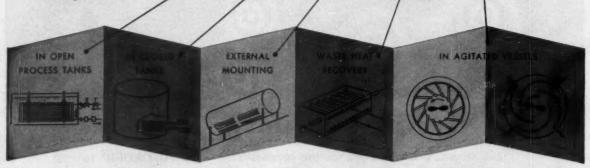
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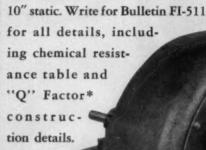
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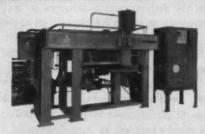
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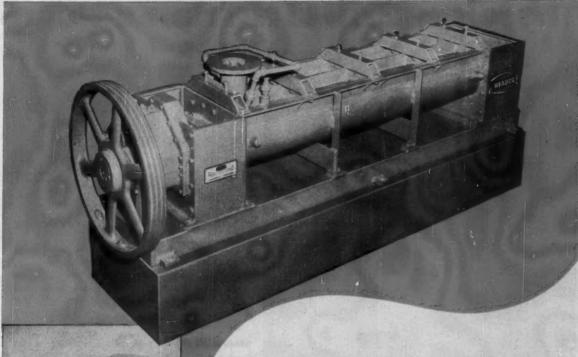
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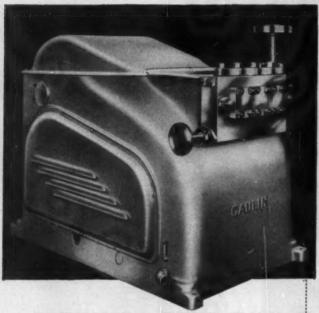
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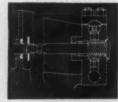
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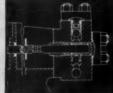
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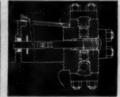
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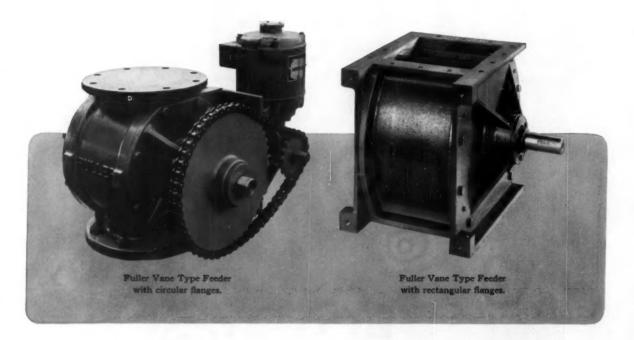


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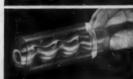


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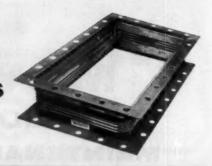




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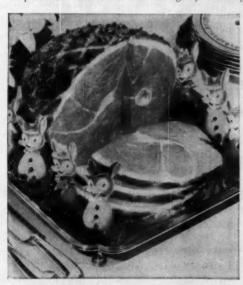


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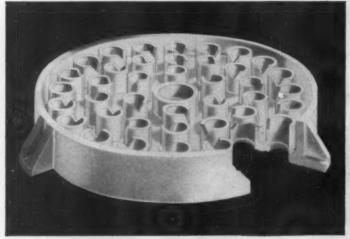
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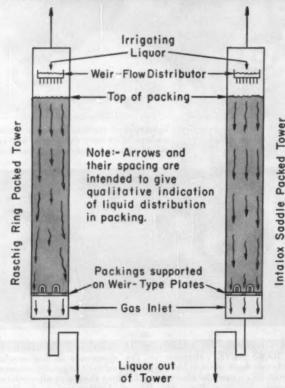
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# Burning nitromethane in an internal combustion engine can double net power output, according to tests made at University of California. Preignition, actually an advantage in nitromethane-fueled diesels, can be eliminated from

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is believed.

New system of electrical insulation, composed entirely of inorganics, permits electrical equipment to run at red heat. Westinghouse has operated an experimental motor, sealed inside a 950 F. oven, for more than 100 hr. Object: improved electrical equipment for supersonic flight.

A New Jersey bakery boasts first commercial installation of Amflow process for continuous production of bread dough. American Machine & Foundry's new process combines conventional mixing, fermentation and makeup steps into one continuous, automatic operation.

### New process reforms refinery gas

With excess refinery gas available from Shell and Caltex refineries at Pernis, Holland, the Municipal Gas Works of the Hague is contemplating a switchover from present gasmaking processes, based on coal and coke, to a new thermal reforming process which can continuously convert refinery gas into city gas.

In thermal processing of refinery gas, carbon usually forms from the decomposition of olefins and aromatics. Hendrik Kempen, chief engineer at the gas works, claims to have found a way to thermally reform refinery gas without depositing any carbon in the reactor. This makes it possible, he says, to operate the process continuously instead of cyclically.

Kempen's invention can't be described in detail until patents are issued. His basic idea, however, is to pretreat the "reaction mixture" (possibly refinery gas plus a hydrogen-rich recycle) at 800-850 C. for approximately 0.5 sec. in order to convert higher hydrocarbons into methane and ethane. Then the gas mixture is brought to 1,200-1,400 C. and steam is added.

Test work has indicated that existing gasworks equipment can be adapted to reforming of refinery gas with savings in labor and maintenance costs and a capacity increase of 65%. However, pilot-plant work now under way, using entirely new equipment, may point the way to still better operating efficiencies.

### Water-soluble resins give glossy films

Water-based paints in which the filmformers are in water solution, rather than in emulsion, were introduced at last month's Paint Industries Show in Cleveland. Amoco Chemicals and Archer-Daniels-Midland announced independent developments leading the way to greater use of water-based gloss architectural and automotive finishes.

Until recently, gloss finishes were not available in water-based systems. Last year, however, Celanese brought out a polyvinyl

### Out of these ovens comes a new concept in American missiles

It's a black rubbery solid, known technically as cured polysulfide polymer and popularly, as solid rocket propellant.

Until recently America staked its missile and rocket program on liquid fuels.

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acetate latex said to produce a high-gloss finish, and Shawinigan Resins has just announced a comparable product. Reichhold, similarly, has come up with high-gloss, water-thinned alkyds.

On the other hand, advocates of solutions over latexes claim film integrity and gloss on a par with the best acrylic or alkyd solvent-base finishes. Absence of an emulsifier is said to be a definite asset.

ADM's new product is a water-soluble resin, called Arolon 1000, already in commercial production. Company will not identify its chemical composition, maintains that it is not acrylic, alkyd or melamine-modified alkyd.

The Amoco product is an alkyd made by cooking trimellitic anhydride with adipic acid and a glycol. Resulting resin, after adding pigment, is dissolved in ammoniacal water to make a water-system paint.

Amoco doesn't intend to get into the paint or resin business. Objective is to sell trimellitic anhydride, a potential product of the Scientific Design-Standard-Amoco process for oxidizing aromatics to polybasic acids. Amoco is now producing pilot-plant quantities of the anhydride at Whiting, Ind.

### Diathermy seeks new chemical patients

Dielectric heating is headed for wider use in the chemical process industries. New Rochelle Tool Corp. (New Rochelle, N. Y.) reports that two of its dielectric rayon cake dryers are already in successful operation and seven more are under negotiation.

Because dielectric (radio-frequency) heating gives fast, uniform heating throughout a nonconducting solid, it is especially suited for materials which cannot conveniently be spread in thin layers and/or have poor thermal conductivities. Typical applications include curing of urea-resin wood glues, preheating of plastic preforms, curing and drying of cellulose sponges and foam rubber.

But moisture evaporation has not usually been considered an economic application for dielectric heating. Holding back use of dielectric dryers have been high capital cost of equipment and low energy efficiencies, as well as lack of practical know-how.

New Rochelle Tool hopes to break through these obstacles with its new Thermatool dielectric system. A typical, compact unit sells for about \$140,000 and can dry 5 tons/day of rayon cakes. Consumption of 300-mc. energy is said to be only 0.5 kwh./lb. of water evaporated. This figures out to be an energy efficiency of 65%.

Since the rayon is in the dryer for only a few minutes, it can be subjected to temperatures as high as 265 F. with no damage. Exclusion of air assists in rapid drying and contributes to high thermal efficiency.

### Pair of solvents beats three ions

Add vanadium to the roster of metals now being won via solvent (liquid-liquid) extraction. Because of its natural association with uranium, vanadium's recovery from uraniumvanadium ores by solvent extraction is a logical extension of the growing trend to solvent extraction for producing uranium itself.

Vanadium Corp. of America recently revamped its Durango, Colo., salt-roast plant to recover both uranium and vanadium by solvent extraction. VCA is using a combination solvent system, developed by the Bureau of Mines at Salt Lake City, which consists of an aliphatic amine and an alkyl phosphate in a solution of kerosene containing tributyl phosphate.

For recovery of uranium from ordinary sulfuric acid leach solutions, solvent is either an aliphatic amine or an alkyl phosphate. But neither solvent is well suited for vanadium recovery from acid-leach solutions in saltroast plants because of the complications introduced by the presence of aluminum, ferric iron and chlorides.

The bureau found, however, that the two types of solvents used together gave much better results than when either one was used independently. An addition of 5% TBP made it possible to strip the extract with soda ash solution without formation of a troublesome third phase.

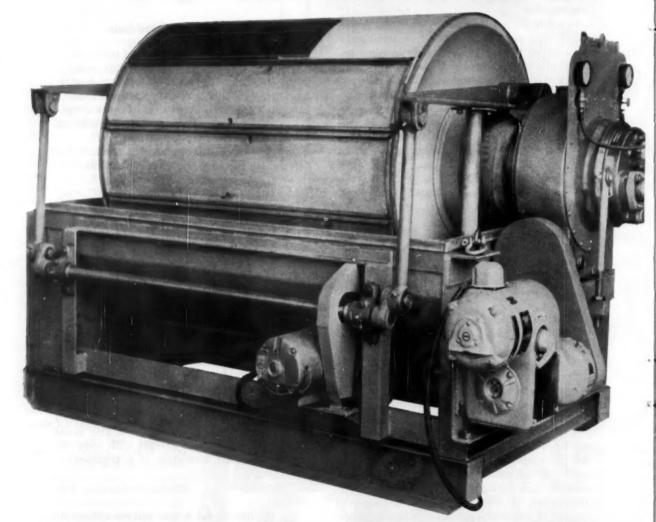
Among other uranium-vanadium producers:

• Union Carbide uses solvent extraction to recover vanadium at its Rifle, Colo., mill, but not at Uravan (there is no vanadium recovery at all at Maybell). Carbide uses either di-2-ethyl hexyl phosphoric acid or tri-n-octyl amine, does not use them in combination.

• Kerr-McGee, Shiprock, N. M., ran a vanadium recovery unit for some months, using DEHPA solvent, but declines to comment on the status of present operations.

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The new Dorr-Oliver plastic filter has already been thoroughly tested handling acid leach solutions in a large uranium mill. It is backed by the long experience of Dorr-Oliver in building all types of filters. Models are available with filtering areas from 9 to 100 sq. ft. and 3-ft. and 4-ft. diam. drums with faces from 1 to 8 ft. For more information, write to Dorr-Oliver Incorporated, Stamford, Connecticut.



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• Climax Uranium, Grand Junction, Colo., says that its particular vanadium recovery flowsheet would not benefit from use of solvent extraction. Only possible improvement, of little economic value, would be production of a vanadium concentrate lower in sodium content than the present sodium acid vanadate made by chemical precipitation.

### Sand milling sweeps paint industry

A new way to grind pigments has wrought a virtual revolution in the paint industry during the past few years. It is a technique known as "sand grinding," invented by a Du Pont researcher.

Latest count shows about 100 sand mills in use at 11 Du Pont paint plants. These mills serve approximately one-half of Du Pont's pigment grinding needs. Practically every major paint manufacturer in the U. S. has taken out a license to use the sand mill. The process is most effective where extreme fineness of grind is required.

In sand milling, the pigment to be dispersed is agitated as a pigment-vehicle slurry with an approximately equal volume of 20-30 mesh Ottawa sand. This is done in a vertical cylindrical vessel provided with a vertical shaft carrying one or more flat-disk impellers. Sizes range from laboratory units to a 30-gal. production unit which stands 7-10 ft. high, is 2 ft. or so in diameter and is run at about 500 rpm. by a 30-hp, motor.

Continuous operation is obtained by feeding the vessel at the bottom and overflowing the dispersed pigment slurry at the top, retaining the sand by means of a screen at the outlet. Only small and infrequent additions of sand are required.

Du Pont engineers estimate that cost of a complete 30-gal. sand mill installation is only two-thirds that of a 6-ft. by 6-ft. pebble mill or a 5-ft. by 4-ft. ball mill and about half that of a high-speed three-roll mill. Yet this sand grinder turns out pigment paste two to four times faster than the other mills.

Du Pont is now working on applications of sand grinding in fields other than pigment dispersions. This work is still under wraps.

### What type of kiln for carbon burning?

Fluid-bed revivification of granular activated carbon is now an accomplished fact at Corn Products' North Kansas City dextrose

plant. A Dorr FluoSolids system has been in consistent, continuous operation there since August.

In switching from bone char to granular carbon decolorizing at its Pekin, Ill., plant, Corn Products replaced its vertical tube-type bone char kilns with two multiple-hearth Herreshoff kilns (*Chem. Eng.*, Sept. 1955, pp. 122-124). Object was to permit direct oxidation of nonvolatile impurities adsorbed on the carbon, as well as drive off volatiles.

However, the higher temperatures needed to do the job presented problems in operating control; you can't afford to oxidize much of the valuable carbon itself. A fluid-bed kiln seemed to offer the potential advantage of closer control, along with lower capital cost and low fuel consumption.

Since installation of the new kiln at North Kansas City nearly a year ago, CP engineers have discovered that, compared with regeneration of petroleum cracking catalyst, fluid-bed revivification of carbon is a tricky operation. Finding optimum operating conditions has been the subject of most of CP's development work this year.

For a similar job in a cane sugar refinery, meanwhile, Industrial Sugars, Inc., St. Louis, Mo., has swung over to a rotary kiln (*Chem. Eng.*, Mar. 10, 1958, pp. 80-82). For loads up to 10 tons/day of carbon, the rotary kiln is apparently the choice over fluid-bed and multiple-hearth kilns.

### Oil-supported fluid bed for A-power

Newest design concept for a nuclear reactor is an organic-moderated, fluid-bed reactor, unveiled last month by Westinghouse. Now under study jointly by Westinghouse and the city of Burlington, Vt., this design may eventually be adopted for a 50,000-kw. electric plant at Burlington.

OMFBR will use BB-size uranium oxide pellets held within a large cylindrical container inside the reactor vessel. Through holes in the bottom of the container, a coolant-moderator, such as diesel oil, will flow upward through the bed of pellets, hydraulically expanding the bed in proportion to flow rate of the oil and thus controlling the chain reaction.

Westinghouse reports that an OMFBR would have low fabrication costs, excellent cycle time, fewer nuclear poisons, excellent shutdown characteristics. Further, it would not need costly, exotic construction materials.



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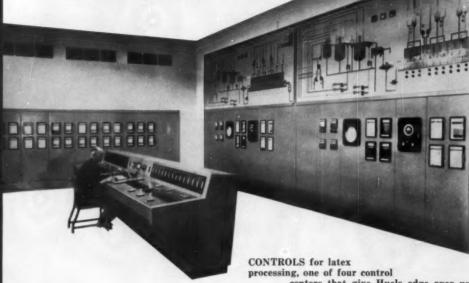


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sing, one of four control centers that give Huels edge over usual European practice.

### U.S. Rubber Know-How Sprouts in Germany

Drawing heavily on technology developed in the United States, West Germany starts its first major postwar synthetic rubber plant.

Declared officially open in September, Bunawerke Huels'\* new styrene-butadiene synthetic rubber (SBR) plant at Marl, West Germany adds another chapter to West Germany's story of postwar industrial recovery.

As the first major synthetic rubber installation built in Germany since World War II, Bunawerke's \$27-million plant boasts a capacity of 70,000 long tons/yr., 39% of Germany's 1957 consumption. With minor equipment additions, Bunawerke can raise this capacity to the 90,000-ton/yr. level.

American Accent — Plant incorporates a lot of U.S. engineering, but the Germans also added some original twists to suit their own process requirements.

Describing plant design, a Bunawerke official states, "This new cold-rubber plant bears no resemblance to old German warm-rubber plants and can be compared only with modern U.S. installations." (For latest in U.S. plants, see Chem Eng., June 2, 1958, pp. 102-105).

► All on One Site—Bunawerke's plant is divided into four main sections: Butadiene production, butadiene purification, rubber polymerization and latex processing.

Butadiene plant uses Houdry Process Corp.'s butane dehydrogenation process fed by butane from nearby oil refineries. Butadiene purification plant uses copper-ammonium acetate (CAA) extraction process licensed from Esso Research.

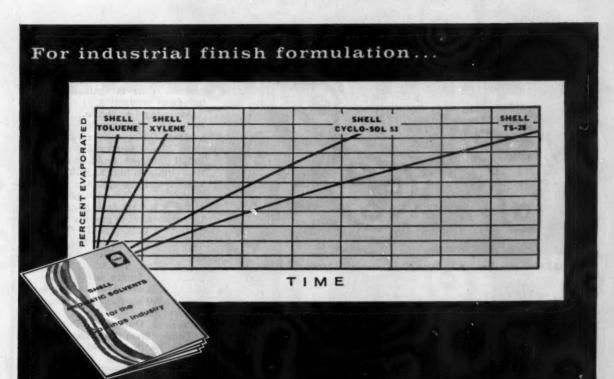
Polymerization and latex processing were German-engineered, although firm has information-exchange agreement with Firestone on the polymerization process.

b Heavy on Instruments — Following the U.S. trend towards highly instrumented plants, Bunawerke's installation utilizes a whopping 2,078 control devices in the four central control rooms. Instruments with auxiliary fittings averaged \$675 apiece, accounting for 10.5% of total equipment costs.

Firm says that it spent more on instruments than is common practice for other European chemical plants of comparable size, but feels that additional investment has paid off handsomely already.

Bunawerke uses a pneumatic (3-15 psi.) control system. At the time plans were drawn, there wasn't enough standardization to blend electrical instruments from different manufacturers into a single system.

<sup>\*</sup>Owned 50% by Chemische Werke Huels and 16.7% each by Badische Anilin und Sodafabrik, Farbenfabriken Bayer and Farbwerke Hoechst.



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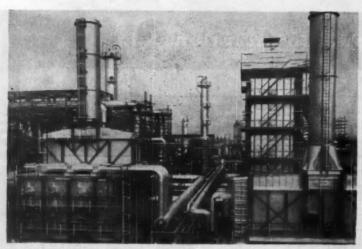
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HEATERS hide Houdry reactors which convert n-butane to butadiene.

▶ Picking Reactors—Bunawerke bucked the trend toward big, 7,000-gal. polymerization reactors. Engineers picked 5,000-gal. reactors for these reasons: Fewer vessels and less steel are required for 5,000-gal. vessels than for the older 4,000-gal. variety. But in going to a bigger 7,000-gal. size, mixing and material handling become tricky. Too, when a 5,000-gal. vessel shuts down for repair, you lose less capacity than with bigger reactors.

There are 20 polymerization vessels, arranged in two parallel lines of 10 reactors each. Polymerization temperature is around 41 F. at 0-15 psig. Each reactor has paddle mixer and internal vertical tubes for ammonia cooling.

► One-Piece Construction — Polymerization reactors in most American SBR plants are glasslined with bolted heads.

Bunawerke, however, went over to one-piece welded stainless-steel reactors to simplify construction and hold leaks to a minimum. Internal cooling tubes also are welded in place to prevent ammonia from seeping into reaction mixture.

Engineers aren't worried about getting inside these welded vessels for servicing. Should trouble develop, mobile crane will lift out entire reactor and take it to maintenance shop where top can be cut out. Bunawerke believes construction and operational savings will offset added costs of this involved maintenance procedure.

Dehydrogenation—Usually a Houdry butane dehydrogenation unit consists of five or seven reactors hooked in series (Chem. Eng., Oct. 1957, p. 225). Bunawerke employs, instead, six reactors grouped in two parallel strings of three reactors each.

Firm cites two reasons for this arrangement: First, only half of the reactors are out of operation when catalyst is replaced; the other three reactors can operate above capacity during this period. Second, 4-min. reaction time is optimum for butadiene production.

Assuming a 2-min. purge cycle, a three-reactor train achieves this optimum reaction time. Where seven reactors are linked into one train, reaction time climbs as high as 9-10 min., way beyond the optimum point.

Another switch: Instead of utilizing hot air from regeneration of catalyst to produce steam (standard U.S. procedure), hot air passes through two giant air preheaters that raise incoming regeneration air to 1,000 F. Total tube length in these exchangers is over 114 mi., providing 280,000 sq. ft. of heat transfer surface.

▶ Process Outline — Purified butadiene from the CAA unit is mixed with styrene from Chemische Werke Huels adjacent plant. Emulsifier and an activator (tetra-calcium-pyrosulfate with iron sulfate) is added and mixture is pumped to polymerization reactors.

For top-quality latex, reaction is stopped after 60% polymerization. Unreacted styrene is steam distilled from the latex; excess butadiene vapor is compressed to liquid and recycled.

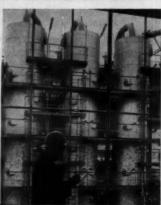
After addition of antioxidant in stirred tanks, latex goes to continuous coagulation step where dilute sulfuric acid coagulates latex to rubber crumb. Particles of crumb are washed, drained on shaker screens and dewatered mechanically in worm gear presses.

Compressed air transports crumb to three 100-ft. steam-heated conveyor dryers. Finally, dried rubber is pressed into 55-lb. bales for packaging and shipping.

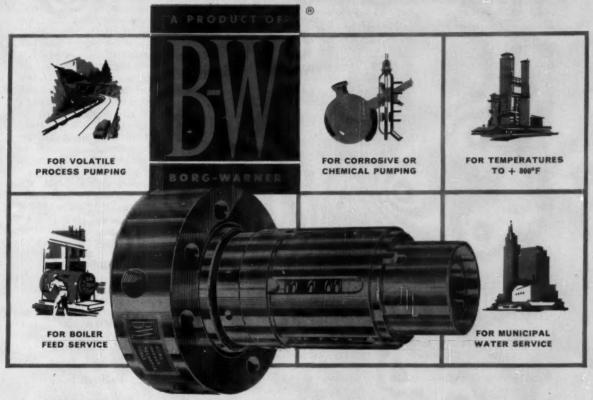
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FILLED bags from trunk conveyor flow onto appropriate accumulator lines (above) under operator direction. When accumulator inventory exceeds one pallet load, line feeds into pallet loader seen discharging (below).



#### Sugar Maker Mechanizes Loading Job

To load 600,000 tons/yr. of various types of sugar packages onto pallets for shipment, the California and Hawaiian Sugar Refining Corp., Crockett, Calif. now operates a mechanical palletization facility believed to be the largest and most comprehensive in the U. S. A.

Each 24-hr. day, the C&H facility palletizes about 120,000 production units that fall into three general categories:

• Shipping cases containing cartons of various types of

 Paper bales enclosing from six to 30 paper packets of granulated sugar.

• Various types of sugar bulk-packed in 25-, 50- and 100-

Pioneers on Bags—In setting up this installation, C&H engineers and pallet-loading specialists from Lamson Corp., Syracuse, N. Y. actually pioneered mechanical palletization of 25-, 50- and 100-lb. bags. Although many industries palletize cases,

C&H is the first company to combine mechanical sorting and accumulating of bag packages with automatic pallet loading.

People at C&H also believe that they are the first organization to handle so many different types of packages and loaded pallets over one system.

Large 60-in. x 44-in. pallets weigh up to 4,500 lb. loaded, led Lamson engineers to design special large pallet loaders for this installation.

► Much Smoother Operation — Obvious economies from improved materials handling by new system are not the only gains. C&H reports that it has reduced damage to sugar packages considerably. Too, pallet loads are more uniform and better balanced, permitting improved stacking and utilization of storage space. Production can be scheduled easier and with greater flexibility.

On the other hand, C&H incurs substantially greater charges to maintain the com-

plete mechanical and electrical equipment. But, substitution of higher maintenance skills for previous manual labor reduces attendant risks and employee relations problems.

The System—Route of bagged sugar through system illustrates how it works. Sugar in 50- and 100-lb. bags passes through a sorting station enroute to pallet loaders; 25-lb. bags bypass sorter. As each bag passes operator, he pushes selector button that will automatically transfer bag from main trunk conveyor to branch conveyor accumulating that type package.

There are 10 lines which accumulate bags ahead of three pallet loaders. When a line accumulates enough packages to form a pallet load, it delivers the bags to preselected loader.

As packages flow into the loader, a rotating pin and a ram form the units into interlocked layers. A stripper plate then retracts to drop the formed layer onto the pallet a few inches below. Action repeats for successive layers until pallet is full.

Five other loaders handle bales and cases. All eight loaders discharge loaded pallets onto a common conveyor which delivers the pallets to any of four points for pickup by fork truck.

#### Early Evidence Hints at Bearing Failure in Fire

Although by no means conclusive, meager early evidence in the recent fire in the compressor house of Esso's Baton Rouge, La., ethylene plant, hints at bearing failure on one of the load compressors as cause of fire which damaged two gas turbines. Combustion-gas turbines, manufactured by General Electric, had been on stream several months.

According to GE, damage seems to be largely on the surface and will probably need little if any machine work for repair. Earlier rumored estimates of six to nine months for repair now seem way too pessimistic.

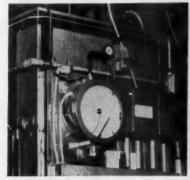
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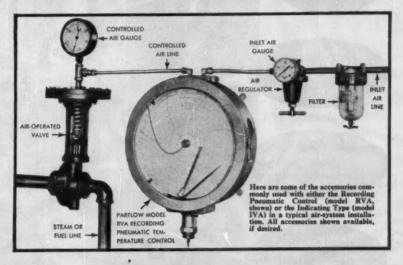
Pneumatic Recording control, installed on new steam-heated cross-flow dryer built by Lydon Bros., Hackensack, N. J.

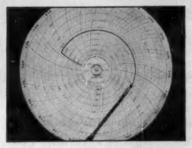
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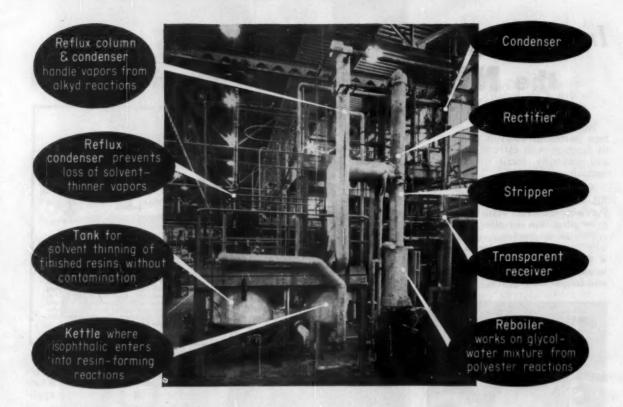
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#### Piloting Sparks Isophthalic's Market Drive

Here is the pilot unit set up to develop isophthalic's full potential for improving customer's resins. First entry for house paint use raised sales 57%.

A recently established California Research Corp.\* pilot plant is fast becoming a valuable proving ground for manufacturers interested in isophthalic-based alkyd and polyester resins.

In effect, at this proving ground serious manufacturers can study variables affecting their specific problems in processing esterification products of isophthalic. And the technical knowledge gained in studies improves isophthalic's position.

When W. P. Fuller & Co., San Francisco, decided to shore up a sagging alkyd-base paint market, it turned to CalResearch's pilot plant for help in formulating an isophthalic-based alkyd resin for use in the vehicle of a completely new paint line.

• Research subsidiary, Standard Oil Co. of Calif.

Early this year, Fuller culminated its development by introducing a new exterior paint incorporating the new alkyd resin. To date, the new formula has boosted sales of Fuller's exterior line 57% over a comparable period of the previous year.

While granting full credit to isophthalic's major contribution to this success, both Fuller and isophthalic-marketing Oronite Chemical Co.\*\* attest that Cal-Research's unique pilot plant shares major credit, also, in launching this pioneering product.

Tailors Resin to Need—Laid out to exploit fully isophthalic's potential, the CalResearch facility combines the utility of small-scale processing with versatility that can duplicate almost any commercial alkyd or polyester

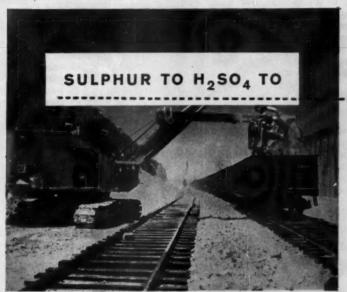
\*\* Chemicals marketing subsidiary, Standard Oil Co. of Calif. resin line. According to W. T. Bailey, chief engineer of the unit, probably no other alkyd resin pilot plant incorporates as many features.

Design of unit makes possible the use of reactants that normally could not be handled, permits running reactions faster with minimum loss of solvent. Included in the plant are a Dowtherm heating system, two flexible overhead distillation units, a separate solvent thinning vessel and variable-speed agitators. Runs Hotter-With auxiliary heaters. Dowtherm unit will deliver up to 200,000 Btu./hr. to maintain 50-gal, resin kettle and other parts of system at temperatures up to 600 F. This is hotter than usual temperature for most resin units heated directly by electricity, gas or oil. But isophthalic-based resins can be processed at higher temperatures (525-575 F.) than phthalic anhydride-based resins 475 F.)

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inaugurated shipments of molten Sulphur. Distribution centers are being set up.

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75 East 45th Street, New York 17, N.Y 811 Rusk Avenue, Houston 2, Texas tion-column feed line and to jackets for the column's rectifier-stripper sections (note picture).

► Heat for Overhead—But Dowtherm is not the only heating medium used in the resin plant. Overhead, the distillation system relies on some other heating features.

Three-way valves above the resin kettle and ahead of the overhead condenser regulate which of two units will be used. In one, vapors pass through a steam-traced reflux column and a steam- or boiling water-heated tube bundle. They're condensed in the water-cooled overhead condenser and collected in a Pyrex-brand receiver.

In the second unit, vapors pass through the Dowtherm-jacketed line and feed to a packed distillation column. There, the rectifier section can be used alone, by blinding off stripper and reboiler, or with rest of column.

Steam or boiling water, as well as Dowtherm, can heat the rectifier-stripper section. Steam at 700 psi. and 500 F. heats the reboiler. Using either setup, bottoms products return to resin kettle, while overhead vapors condense and collect in the Pyrex-brand receiver.

By observing flow rate of product into this receiver, operator can control reaction better than he could with a non-transparent receptacle. All control of unit is manual but automatic recorders keep temperature and agitation-speed histories.

Why Bolling Water — Cal-Research also feels that its unique use of boiling water rather than steam is a processing advantage, in some cases, because it is more effective in controlling loss of volatiles.

Suppose for example that vapor from resin kettle is mixture of glycol and water. During distillation, column discharges water vapor overhead and returns glycol bottoms to resin kettle. If temperature of column is controlled by steam, it may not be able to handle a surge of entering vapor without allowing some non-condensed glycol vapors to pass through and be lost with water vapor discharging overhead.

On the other hand, with temperature controlled by boiling water, there is sufficient heat capacity to cool the glycol to condensation point, while still assuring that water of reaction is distilled off.

Hold Purity While Thinning
—It's not necessary to add solvents to all batches, yet many formulations require them. A 100-gal. thinning tank simulates normal commercial practice, a rare example of such practice on a pilot scale where material generally is thinned right in the reaction vessel. Result is a purer product than when resin is thinned in reaction vessel, where deposited contaminants might be washed into resin.

Finished products can be pumped from 50-gal. resin kettle to thinning tank through a steam-traced line. A reflux condenser, heated with steam or cooled with water, returns solvent vapors back to thinning tank.

► Ranges of Agitator Speeds—In a typical resin pilot unit, agitation is fixed at one or two speeds. CalResearch's plant offers variable-speed turbine agitation up to 600 rpm. on resin kettle and up to 220 rpm. on thinning tank.

With this type of speed control CalResearch engineers can duplicate client's mixing conditions and process many more resins than possible with fixed speed.

Kettle agitator also has significantly higher maximum speed than most resin units—600 rpm. (1,400 ft./min. agitator blade-tip speed) as compared with 250 rpm. in usual practice. This extra speed, backed up by sufficient power, has permitted plant to handle esterification products with viscosities as high as 10,000 centipoises—about that of corn sirup at room temperature.

The Finishing Touch — Care taken by CalResearch men to assure top quality shows up in an item such as the glycerol trap on the feed line for the distillation column. This trap prevents air from entering the system, especially during a cooling stage. Thereby, chance for oxidation and discoloration of resin is avoided.

#### Atomic Waste Hazard Cut By Fluid-Bed Calcining

Atomic Energy Commission is erecting a \$6-million pilot plant at its Idaho Falls, Idaho, National Reactor Testing Station for calcining highly radioactive waste liquids from fuel element reprocessing. Fluidized-bed calcining system will reduce liquid to safer—and easily stored—solids occupying only one-seventh the volume of the liquid.

Fluor Corp. is engineering and building the 1-gal./min. calcination system on a \$3.4-million contract from AEC. Process was originally developed by Argonne National Laboratories and Phillips Petroleum; Fluor did final engineering and drafting. Project is scheduled for completion by February 1960.

Calcined solids will be stored in a nearby concrete storage vault. Present practice is to store waste liquids in cooled stainless steel tanks underground. In addition to the increased safety of solids storage, process is expected to be economically competitive with liquid storage system.

#### Petrochemicals Spurt Boosts Japan's Economy

Close cooperation between six Japanese chemical firms is bringing Japan into a position of world prominence in field of petrochemicals. Japan already ranks as fourth largest plastics producing country, behind the U. S., England and Germany.

Now getting under way is a \$70-million petrochemical manufacturing center between Yokohama and Tokyo that will further boost that country's \$2-billion annual plastics sales. Project was drafted by government planners and combines the resources of six of Japan's chemical giants.

Mitsui Petrochemical Co., already an ethylene producer, has started work on a 12,000-metricton/yr. Ziegler polyethylene unit. Mitsubishi Petrochemical Co. will bring a 10,000-ton/yr. polyethylene plant on stream

Early in 1959, Japan Petrochemical Co. is slated to bring



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25,000 tons/yr. of ethylene capacity on stream along with a 5,000-ton/yr. butadiene facility. Styrene monomer will be produced in a plant under construction by Ashai-Dow, an affiliate of Dow Chemical Co. Bulk of monomer will go into firm's own polystyrene plant; rest will be sold to synthetic rubber producers.

Standard Oil of Indiana is cooperating with Furukawa Chemical Industries on a 9,000-ton/yr. polyethylene unit while Showa Yuka holds a Phillips license for production of high-density polyethylene.

Monsanto Chemical Co. was an early-bird on the Japanese plastics scene: Mitsubishi-Monsanto produces both polyvinyl chloride and polystyrene resins. At a plant in Nagoya, Monsanto turns out PVC compounds, films and plasticizers.

#### Ethylene, Too, Can Be Stored in Salt Domes

Vacant salt domes, long used to store propane and butane, can now be safely used for storing large amounts of ethylene—extending storage economies to this more active gas. So says Gulf Oil Co. in a paper given at the recent Salt Lake City meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Gulf makes ethylene at its Port Arthur, Tex., refinery at a 1-million-lb./day clip and distributes it to Gulf Coast customers through a 147-mi. pipeline. Gulf stores more than 30 million lb. underground to allow for fluctuations in production and customer demand.

Storage cavities, formed by leaching salt formations, are vertical pencil-shaped holes, 1,000 ft. deep and up to 80 ft.

dia. Located deep within a solid bed of salt, cavities hold ethylene at 1,500-2,000 psi. with virtually no leakage. Gas is stored over brine and so picks up some water that must be adsorbed before ethylene is pipelined.

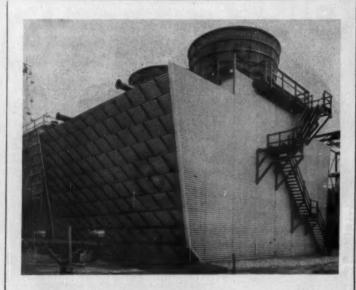
Esso also stores ethylene produced at its Baton Rouge, La., refinery in salt domes. Firm's 40-60 days' underground backlog was vitally needed when its new ethylene plant was shut down by fire in early October.

#### NEWS BRIEFS

Auto exhaust control: Air Pollution Foundation, San Marino, Calif., is now engaged in preliminary testing of three devices to control automobile exhaust: a direct-flame afterburner which operates fully in deceleration, idle, acceleration and cruise; a catalytic afterburner-in early development stage-which reduces nitric oxide content of exhaust: a catalytic afterburner. aimed at reducing hydrocarbons, which has been used for 6,000 mi. on a car using leaded gasoline.

Nuclear fusion: Munich Technical University's researchers revealed at a meeting of the Bavarian Physical Society in Wuerzburg that they have detected what they believe to be neutrons from nuclear fusion at 4 million deg. K. in an 8-in.dia. by 20-in. deuterium-filled straight tube. A 40-microfarad battery of condensers supplied several hundred thousand amperes to produce a pinch effect on discharge; neutron emission was about 10' neutrons per discharge.

Sahara Pipeline: French-Government controlled oil companies operating in the Sahara have contracted Bechtel Corp. to construct a 475-mi. pipeline from Edjele area in Algeria, near the Libyan border, to the Tunisian port of Gabes. Pipeline, due for completion in 1960, should be carrying 5 million tons/yr. of oil the following year and over 14 million tons/yr. when four pumping stations are finished.



#### Slanted Cooling Tower Designed to Thwart Icing

Esso's Baton Rouge, La., refinery is trying out a new cooling 'ower design originated by the Marley Co., Kansas City, Mo. Tower, 30 ft. high, slants 8 ft. inward so that there is less cooling surface at the bottom where

water is coldest and ice tends to form in cold weather. Too, asbestos cement louvers are spaced on 3-ft. centers—six times usual spacing—so that louver openings can't be plugged so easily by wintertime freezing.

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#### Chemical Overcapacity: Causes and Cures

Most of today's unused chemical capacity is a byproduct of the industry's technological vigor. Look for this same vigor to provide the cure.

Today's chemical overcapacity is the penalty of success. Sure, errors in judgment had a hand. But you can "blame" most of it on chemical companies' knack for impressing obsolescence on products and processes—their own as well as their competitors'.

With a bit of help from the rest of the economy, the same technical vitality will make short work of unused capacity.

This is the theme running strongly through a story, in Stanford Research Institute's chemical economics newsletter, on chemical overcapacity. Here's SRI's checklist of causes, preventions and cures:

#### Overcapacity: What Causes It

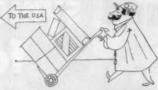
A New Process—Petroleumbased ethyl alcohol, as it pushes fermentation alcohol out of more markets, idles production capacity for the latter.



Troublesome Coproducts — There may be, in the production of chemicals in great demand, accompanying products without a comparable market. A classic example is the chronic overcapacity of caustic soda, a coproduct of chlorine.

\*Stanford Research makes a nice distinction between "excess" capacity and "superfluous" capacity. "In a growth industry such as chemicals some excess capacity is necessary and desirable." Since it takes two years to build a chemical plant and bring it up to normal activity, the capacity of a plant today should be able to meet expected demand in the third year hence, says the report. "Capacity over and above this amount can be termed as 'superfluous' capacity."

Imports—Although our favorable balance of trade helps overall chemical capacity utilization, imports of certain chemicals causes capacity to hang heavy on the hands of domestic producers.



A Modified Process—Process improvements increased Union Carbide's ethylene oxide capacity to the point where the company deferred construction of new plants.

Upgrading a Chemical — If producers with idle ammonia capacity decide to upgrade their product to urea, existing manufacturers of urea may suffer from overcapacity.

Identical Company Competition—Two companies may decide to build similar chemical plants in same area. Neither of two tetraethyl lead plants on the West Coast is warranted from the standpoint of national capacity. But when refiners there offer to do all their buying from a local TEL plant both Du Pont and Ethyl felt they had to jump in with new plants.



Nonchemical Company Competition—As a growth industry, the chemical industry attracts outsiders seeking to diversify into areas like ammonia and plastics.

Misjudgment of Market Potential — Titanium market researchers didn't anticipate the fabrication difficulties and changes in military procurement that cropped up.

Wartime Demand — World War II requirements for toluene were too much for coke-oven sources. Petroleum refiners got in the field and stayed there after the war was over.

Overlapping Products—New capacity for a chemical similar in performance to an older chemical (in the same company, sometimes) often leads to overcapacity in the latter. Rayon-nylon rivalry is an example.

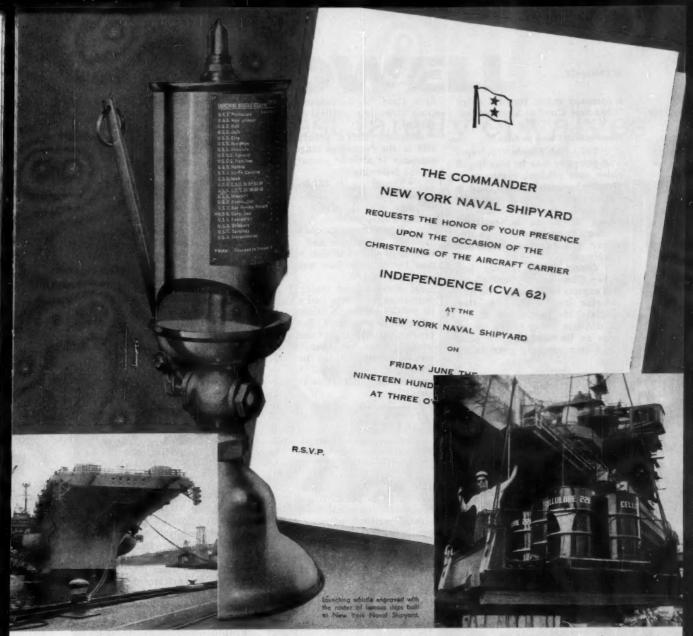
#### Overcapacity: How to Avoid It

Avoid Concentration — It's dangerous to concentrate in a single field, however attractive, without patents or other protection.



Continue Development — A company's best protection against obsolescence from improved competitive products is to develop the improved products first itself. Du Pont, with its fibers, and Procter & Gamble, with its detergents, play this role to a farethree-well.

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#### Overcapacity: How to Ease It

Take Old Plants Offstream
—A company may be able to put
older, less efficient plants on a
standby basis and still serve present market needs with newer facilities. American Cyanamid
closed down its acrylonitrilefrom-ethylene plant, keeps the
newer one based on acetylene
running.

Divert Extra Plants into Other Chemicals — Shell Chemical expects to be able to run allyl chloride (now a glycerin intermediate) to production of epichlorhydrin, epoxy resins, etc., as soon as its new glycerin plant (and new process) gets underway.



Of course, excess capacity throughout the industry will tend to cure itself in time as chemical markets continue to grow. The pressure from without may ease, too, if, as is likely, nonchemical firms feel less inclined to give our industry a whirl in the face of increasing competition and technology change. Experienced chemical companies have the facilities and hard-won know-how to keep pace with technological change—something which part-time chemical outfits may lack.

#### More Politics For Chemical People?

"Whether we want to be there or not, Gulf and every other American corporation is . . . up to its ears in politics, and we must either start swimming or drown."

These are the words of Archie D. Gray, senior vice-president of Gulf Oil Corp., as he writes in a company magazine. They mean that at least one chemical process company is in the forefront of industry's newly avowed determination to "get into politics." (U. S. Chamber of Commerce recently appealed, for the

first time, to businessmen to work directly in political organizations.)

Although Gulf's program is still in the formative stage, the company is already prepared to do the following:

 Encourage its 161,000 employees, stockholders and dealers to take a more active role in their neighborhood politics.

 Report to its people on the speeches, attendance and voting records of elected officials so they may better know how well they are being served.

Of course, most major U.S. companies have long had a hand in politics—through lobbies and other influence groups. But most previous efforts to influence legislation have been behind the scenes, exerted at the national level and not directed for or against specific parties or personalities.

Now the idea is for companies and their employees to work openly and on an individual basis to improve the caliber of political candidates; to work at the precinct levels where political courses are decided and candidates selected; to work unashamedly in behalf of business interests and against the demonstrated political influence of organized labor.

Whether business men will dare, in fact, to take sides on sticky issues at the risk of alienating customers remains to be seen. But let us hope at least that more objective-minded people are encouraged to enter politics and that company employees at all levels become more aware of what is going on in politics. If only these things come to pass, we'll all be better off.

#### **Boiling Water Reactor Gets International Nod**

A seven-man international panel has selected General Electric to design and build a 150,000-kw. nuclear power plant for Italy's Societa Elettro-Nucleare Nazionale (SENN).

GE's proposal for a dual-cycle boiling water reactor won out over eight other bids from four countries involving natural uranium, gas-cooled and pressurized water reactors. The vote speaks well for the boiling water reactor and for the U.S. level of reactor technology.

Construction will begin on SENN's plant near Naples before the year is out, and should wind up by 1963.

GE hopefully regards the decision of the international panel as a big step in establishing the type of plant with the greatest potential for producing competitive nuclear power.

At its Vallecitos Lab in California, GE uses a small boiling water reactor to get eperational data for bigger projects. Early this year the company hiked the thermal output of this reactor from 20,000 kw. to 30,000 kw. "without change in design or addition of fuel."

Other GE projects for its commercial boiling water reactors:

• A 180,000-kw. power plant near Chicago for Commonwealth Edison and Nuclear Power Group. Upon completion in 1960 this will be largest all-nuclear plant in the U.S.

• A 50,000-kw. reactor for Pacific Gas & Electric at Eureka, Calif. When completed, it'll be the largest single-cycle, naturalcirculation-reactor system yet constructed.

• A 15,000-kw. reactor for West Germany's first nuclear power station. Operation is scheduled for 1960 at Kahl, near Frankfurt. The reactor will utilize low-enrichment uranium oxide fuel and produce 230,000 lb./hr. of 650-psig. steam.

#### **Employment Dislocates Plant**

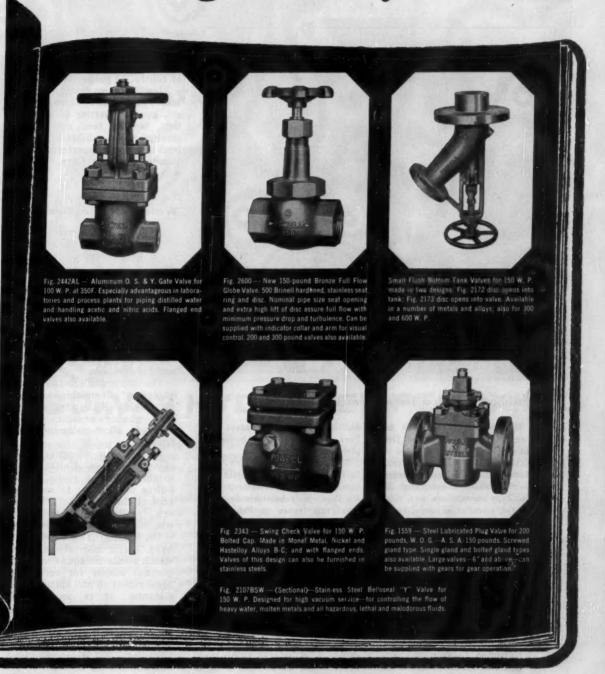
Britain's Board of Trade has rejected British Nylon Spinners' plan to build a \$28-million nylon plant near Portsmouth. "We consider," said the Board, "that the firm's needs can be met at any one of several alternative sites where the unemployment rate is higher than in the Portsmouth area."

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#### Dashboard With a Difference: It's Polyacetal

Experimental automobile instrument panels molded of Delrin acetal resin are inspected by Nobel prize-winning chemist, Hermann Staudinger, center. Delrin, whose development by Du Pont researchers was cited by the scientist as an example of practical achievement based upon his pioneering work, will become the first formaldehydebased plastic in commercial pro-

duction when a new plant at Parkersburg, W. Va., is completed next year.

With the professor are Dr. F. C. McGrew, left, director of research and development of Du Pont's polychemicals department and Irenee du Pont, Jr., director of the polychemicals sales service laboratory at Chestnut Run, Del. — Du Pont Co., Wilmington, Del. 84A

#### Catalyst

Expected to supplant prepolymer techniques for urethane foam.

A new one-shot polyether catalyst used for producing odorless urethane foam has been developed. Called Dabco, it can also be used to produce foam from polyether pre-polymers, dimer acid esters, adipic acid esters, and co-polymers. It is also expected to have application in urethane coatings.

It is expected to supplant the costly, tedious pre-polymer techniques now being used in most urethane foam manufacturing.

It can be used to foam any or all commerical polyethers to produce flexible, rigid or semirigid foams with a wide range of controlled properties.

Flexible foams produced with Dabco have low compression set, good properties of elongation, tensile, tear and shear strength, and exhibit excellent load-bearing characteristics.—Houdry Process Corp., Philadelphia, Pa. 84B

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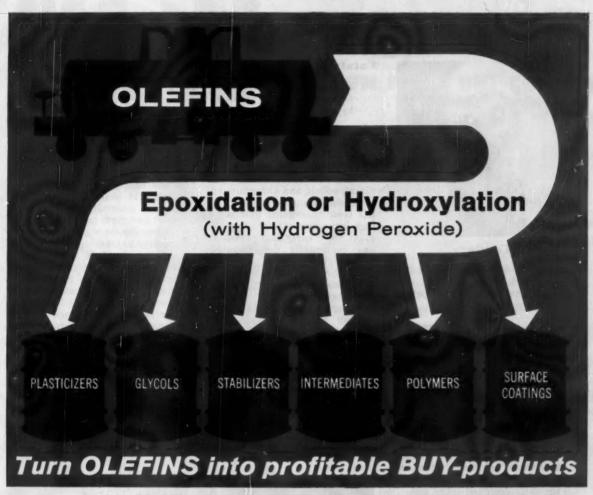
Its manufacturer is now applying for composition-of-matter patents, calls it simply an organic complex.

The compound eliminates the hazard of flammable solvents yet retains all the properties of high quality organic solvent thinned alkyd-melamine systems.

It is a low viscosity, light colored solution. Unlike water soluble emulsion resins, it requires only water to make an enamel formulation. Thickeners, stabilizers, bactericides and wetting agents are not required.

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#### **Epoxy Contings**

Gun solves short pot-life problem, mixes resin and hardener an instant before spraying.

New method of handling epoxy coating permits curing speed of the formulation to be dictated by the requirements of a particular application. In the past, use of epoxy coating has been somewhat restricted by short pot life of fast curing catalyzed systems.

The key to the new system: combining the epoxy resins and the hardener only an instant before the mixture is atomized and sprayed through use of a specially designed spray gun.

Formerly, epoxy formulations that cured fast at room temperatures could only be handled in very small quantities and then only manually, resulting in high labor costs. These have limited the use of epoxies in a number of potential areas such as nonsolvent coatings and reinforced plastics.

The new spray gun is fed resins and the hardener in correct proportions assured through a positive metering system. From the gun's mixing chamber, where they meet and mix, they are forced through an orifice under pressure of 300 psi. Since the spray is created by the pressure of the liquids and not by compressed air, as in conventional guns, overspray and misting are sharply reduced. In turn toxicity hazards are substantially reduced.

Gun and metering equipment were designed and are manufactured by A. Gusmer, Inc., Woodbridge, N. J.—Bakelite Co., New York, N. Y. 86A

#### Catalyst

Removes acetylene from olefin streams by selective hydrogenation.

A new type catalyst for the purification of olefin streams by means of selective hydrogenation has been developed.

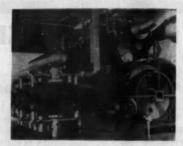
Designated C36, it contains nickel, cobalt and chromium on a rugged alumina support. It has been undergoing field tests in a large commercial ethylene plant since early this year and has continually demonstrated both high selectivity and activity for the hydrogenation of acetylene in raw sulfur-bearing ethylene streams. It further combines the advantages of permitting high plant capacities without the need for frequent catalyst regeneration to remove deposited polymeric materials.

Extensive new uses for this type of catalyst have also been worked out. These include the purification of propylene and butylenes by selective hydrogenation.—Catalysts & Chemicals Inc., Louisville, Ky. 86B

cooling system, ebullient cooling allows a temperature rise of 2 to 3 F. throughout the system. This prevents expansion of cylinder walls, cause of increased oil consumption, metal stresses, friction engine wear.

Though it has been used for over 50 yr. and has these distinct advantages, ebullient cooling has had limited acceptance due to cold weather problems. Water is generally used as a coolant and must have a freezepoint depressant when temperatures drop to freezing. Attempts to use a standard antifreeze have not been generally successful since these materials will not form a constant boiling mixture with water. Though water in the engine itself may be protected, vapors produced by the boiling mixture contain only water which can freeze in the condensate return line.

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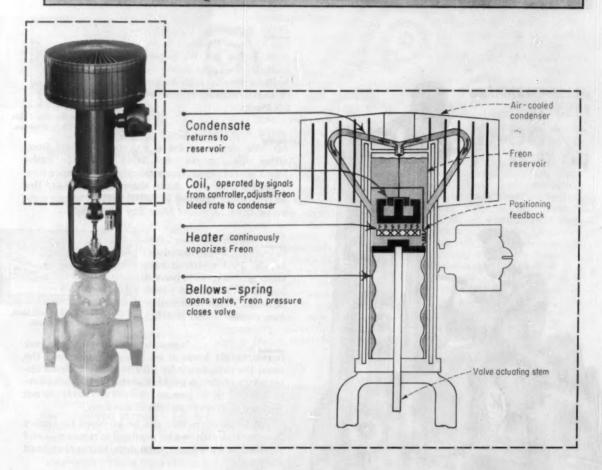
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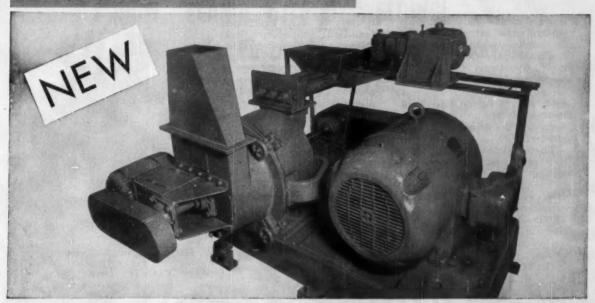
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Command signals from any electronic controller, when received by the force coil, cause the pressure-relief valve to bleed either more or less vapor into the condenser. If the relief valve closes, pressure builds up in the reservoir. This compresses the bellows, thus causing a downstroke.

Conversely, an increase of bleed rate allows pressure to drop, and the bellows goes into an upstroke. Mild fluctuations of ambient temperature, heating-element voltage and radiant energy have little or no effect on Thermo-Drive's operation.

► Vital Statistics—Power input (200-300 w.) to the heater is the only operating expense. Original cost of Thermo-Drive actuators will run about \$300, considerably higher than pneumatic operators.

General specifications are as follows: Input resistance, 12,-000 ohms; Input range, 1 to 5 ma., d.c.; Sensitivity, 0.1% of input range; Response, 0.1 in./sec.; Repeatability, 0.5%; Stroke, 1.5 in.; Maximum stem loading: actuating force of 500 lb. opposed by 300-lb. spring.

Because Freon is non-corrosive, materials of construction are no great problem. Both casing and bellows are stainless steel; the radiator is copper.—
The Swartwout Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

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#### Gas Detector

Conductivity measurements give concentration data.

Air pollution studies and process monitoring may benefit through application of a new gas detector. The instrument continuously measures, indicates and records varying minute traces of a large number of gases and vapors. Immediate response and high sensitivity of the tool enable detection of instantaneous concentrations as low as a few parts per billion.

Two streams feed into the detection chamber—one, the gaseous sample containing the contaminant; the other, a sensitizing reagent that reacts with the contaminant to form smoke or mist particles. Different reagents provide selectivity when detecting a variety of contaminants.

Within the chamber, emissions from a radioactive source cause ionization of the sample. Electrical measurement of the sample's conductivity, which bears a relationship to ion population, gives an accurate indication of contaminant concentration. — Mine Safety Appliances, Pittsburgh, Pa. 90A



#### Diaphragm Valves

Plastic lining guards against chemical attack.

Penton, a chemically resistant plastic for working temperatures to 300 F., now lines a series of diaphragm valves. The valves, offered with cast iron or aluminum bodies, are compatible with glass, plastic, metallic and lined piping.

Priced competitively, the new series comes in sizes from ½ to 6 in., with flanged ends only. Handwheel, quick-opening air or electric operators are optional. — Hills-McCanna Co., Chicago, Ill. 90B

#### Data Collector

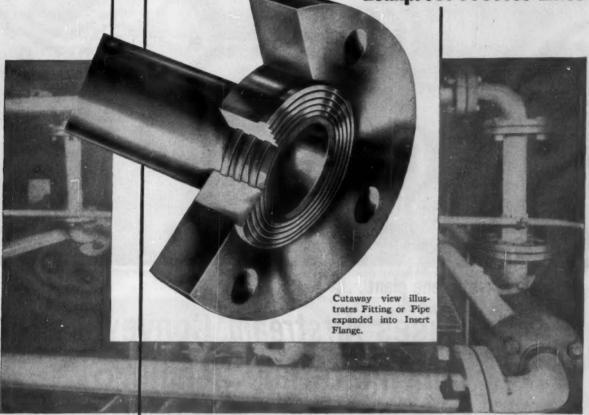
System revamp broadens scope of application.

Data-Gage, an instrument system previously manufactured for fluid-level data collection, is now applicable to any industrial operation requiring both data collection and remote control of on-off devices. One of the system's chief features is complete verification of data accuracy and station identification prior to information display or actuation of control power. And, use of semiconductor components, along with conservative circuit design, minimizes maintenance requirements.

This and other equipment developments continue on page 192.

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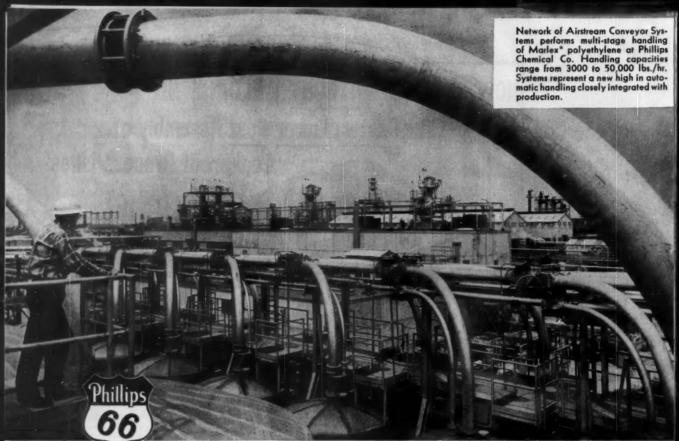
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## Phillips uses Airstream Conveyors for bulk materials handling

Phillips Chemical Co. uses Dracco Airstream Conveyors for bulk handling of polyethylene at its Pasadena (Texas) plant. Three main conveyor systems, consisting of a dozen subsystems, total 10,500 feet in length. These provide high-volume, highpurity handling demanded by Phillips' advanced processes.

All systems are closely integrated with production from the time polyethylene becomes a dry bulk material until it is shipped to plastics processors. Handling is contamination-free. Controlled atmosphere conveying techniques, with inert gas as the conveying medium, are used as required. Centralized, automatic control is extensively employed.

The Dracco systems at Phillips exemplify the future potential of pneumatic conveying in meeting industry's needs for handling dry materials in bulk throughout production. Design and fabrication required a comprehensive "systems approach" to air conveying, incorporating intimate knowledge of instrumentation, production processes, continuous flow principles, construction materials and bulk material characteristics.

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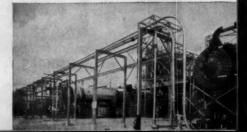


Typical conveyor system control panels at Phillips. All systems are completely interlocked to block out control equipment on other panels which may conflict with a given conveying operation.

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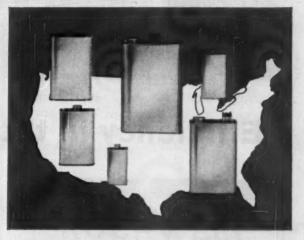
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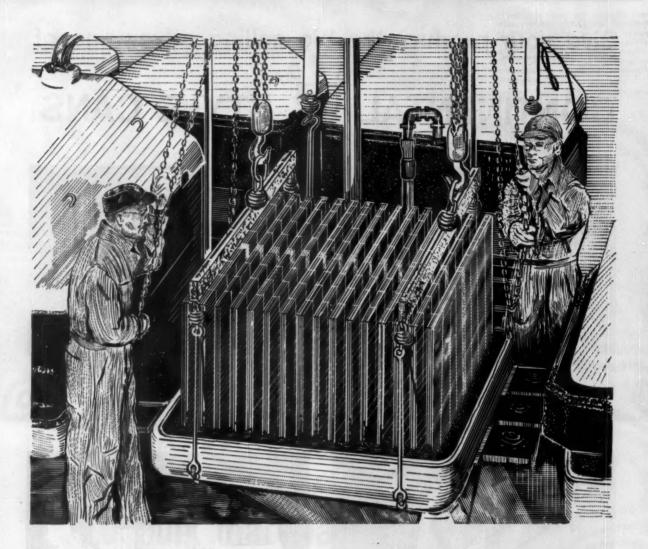


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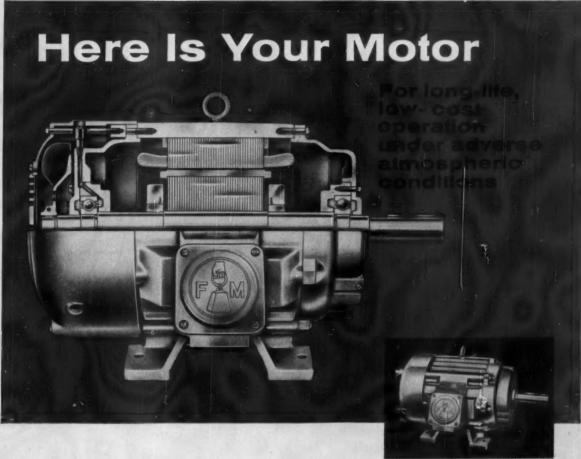
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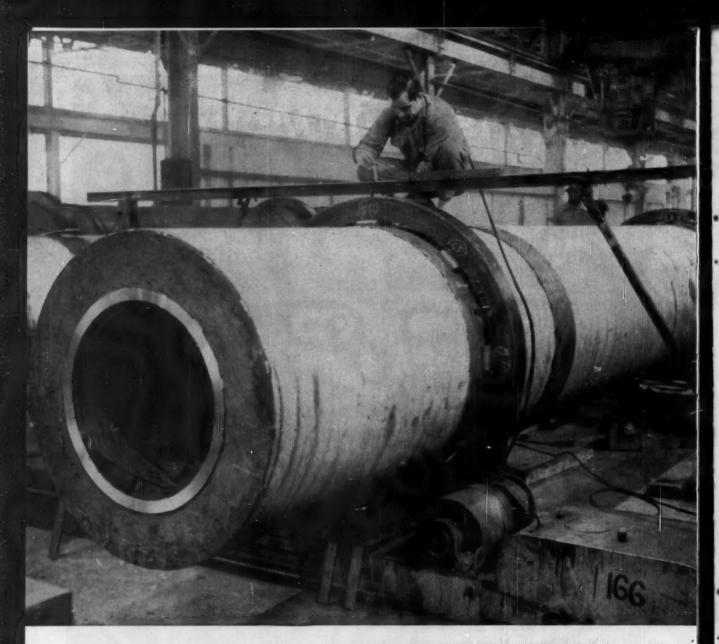
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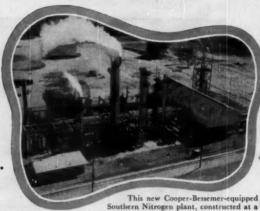
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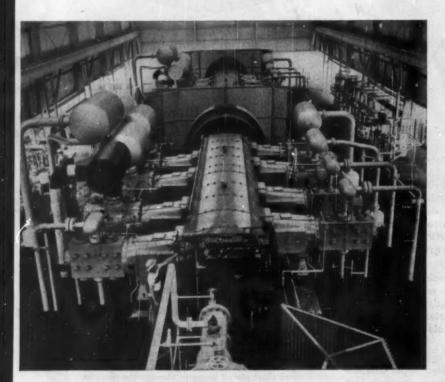
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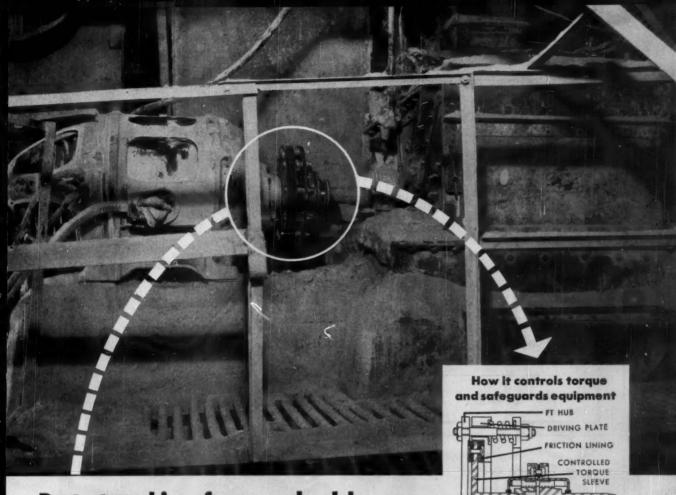


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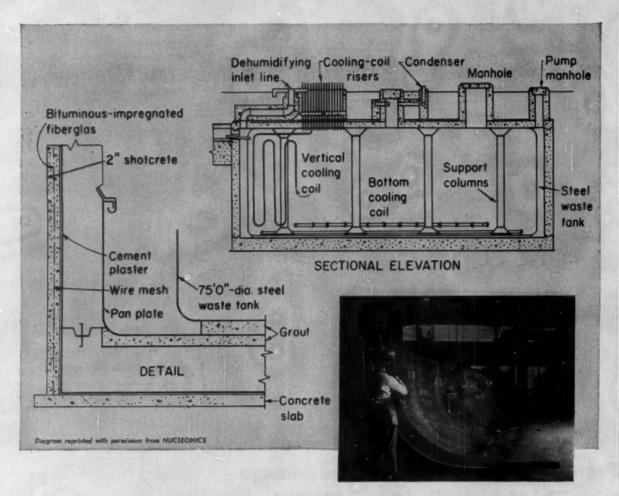
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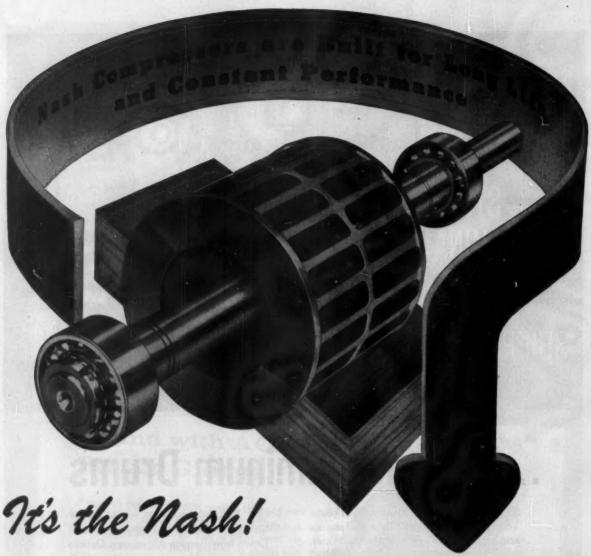
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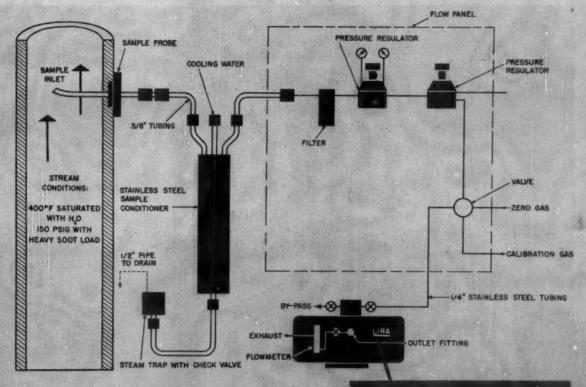


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Speaking now of applications, one of the really tough problems is analyzing the methane in the process gas immediately after the reformers. The gas stream is dirty. It is saturated with steam at high temperature and pressure. But the methane has to be measured to determine the reaction efficiency. This measurement enables the operator to adjust the process when reactor temperature or changes in the raw feed stock cause variations in methane content,

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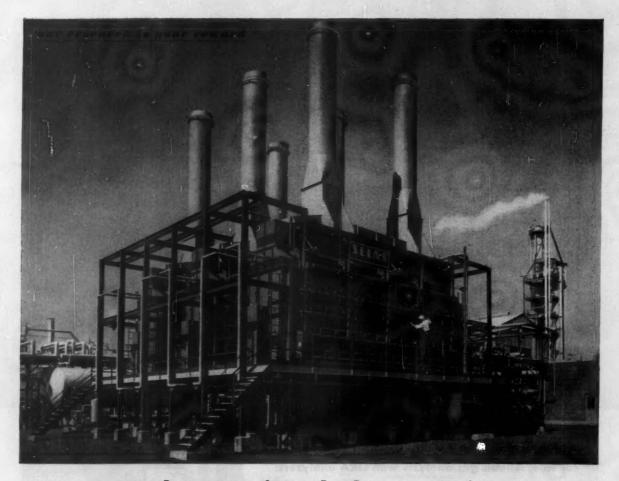
In the field of gas analysis — you name the gas — MSA has been coming to grips with similar process problems for over 30 years. We'd like to lay that 30 years on the line and let it work to your advantage. Ask the MSA Instrument Specialist to call, And write us for the M-S-A LIRA bulletin,



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# INSTRUMENT DIVISION

Mine Safety Appliances Company Pittsburgh 8, Pennsylvania



### 55 heaters in ethylene service prove the extra benefits of Selas Gradiation® processing

The difficulty in heat processing light hydrocarbons for ethylene production in conventional tubular heaters is to achieve uniform application of heat on the tube wall. Flame impingement or excessive heat on one side of the tube outer wall hastens metal degradation and, especially with highly corrosive feed stocks, tube corrosion.

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Selas Gradiation heaters for the chemical, petrochemical and petroleum industries may be field-erected or shop-assembled. Selas also builds Econotherm\* heaters for use where materials are heated to below decomposition tem-

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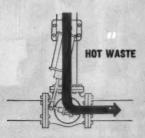
# How would you solve this problem?

Problem: Waste from a process unit varied in temperature with the process cycle. How would you control

the waste flow to utilize hot waste and cold waste in heat exchangers in other parts of the plant?

Solution: Rockwell-Nordstrom 3-way Multiport valves (see below) were equipped with thermostatically controlled air cylinder actuators. As the

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Rockwell-Nordstrom Multiport valves are used in the process industries where 3-way and 4-way flow control is needed through one valve. They greatly simplify flow control and reduce cost by eliminating unnecessary piping and valves.

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#### APPLICATION

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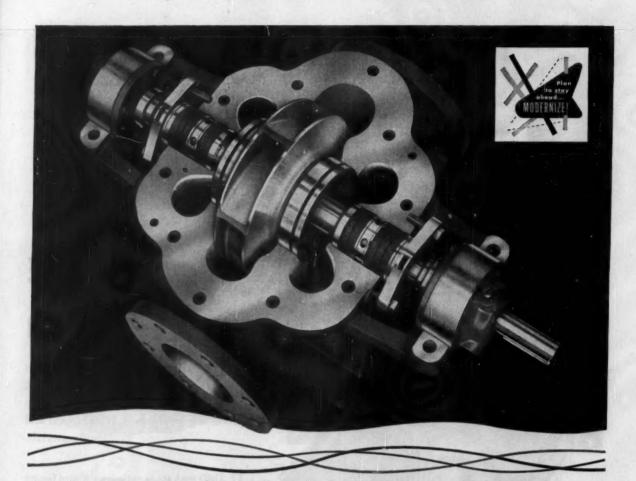
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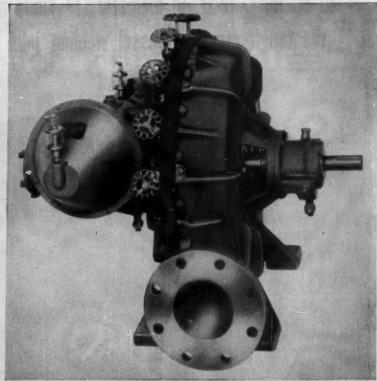
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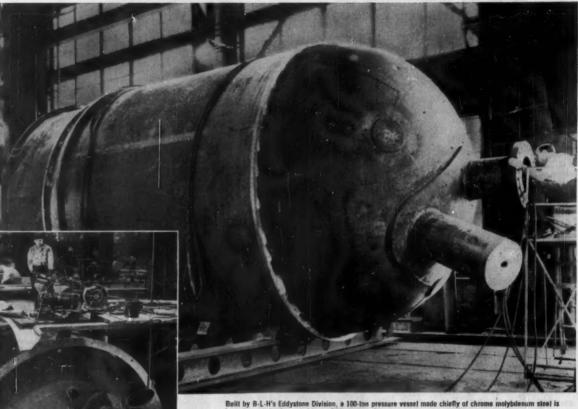
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Built by B-L-H's Eddystone Division, a 190-ten pressure vessel made chiefly of chrome molybdenum steel is here shown being inspected by an Eddystone engineer.

Automatic submerged metal arc was one of three welding



Identical vessels fabricated by B-L-H and installed in the catalytic reforming unit of an ultramodern refinery.

A major oil company recently called on Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton's Eddystone Division to weld two identical 100-ton pressure vessels that must operate continuously for long periods of time at nearly 1000°F in a hydrogenrich atmosphere at pressures up to 536 psi. Baldwin successfully met the challenge of this big job.

Thirteen different kinds of steel 3/8 in. to 51/6 in. thick and three welding methods-manual-shielded metal arc, automatic submerged metal arc, and inert gas - had to be used on the vessels, each 20 ft. long, 12 ft. in diameter. As on all Baldwin work, only qualified welders were used.

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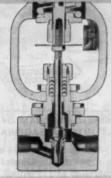
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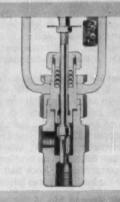






Type 510-B valve with globe body and bolted bonnet construction.





Type 511-BA valve with angle body and a union nut bonnet.

CONSTRUCTION AND SPECIFICATIONS				
Valve Body Sizes	1/4" 3/4" and 1" only with screwed end connections.  Micro-flute or Micro-form.			
Inner Valve				
Oriffice Sizes	4'', $4''$ , $4''$ and $4''$ for the $1''$ size body. $4''$ , $3'''$ and $3''$ for the $3''$ size body. $4''$ and $5''$ for the $3''$ size body.			
Max. Body Pressure	1500 psi at 450° F.			
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# Using Salt Efficiently

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# Making Automatic Salt Dissolvers from Existing Plant Equipment

A great many industrial companies and public institutions are now enjoying the benefits of pure, fully saturated rock-salt brine at remarkably little cost. They have found that expensive new equipment is not needed to make this brine! Instead, International has shown them how to convert unused or unproductive plant equipment into salt dissolvers that operate under the Lixate Brine-Making Process.

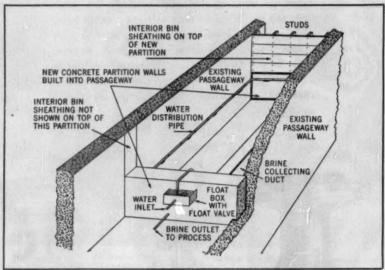
Here are four typical examples from the scores of special salt dissolvers that have been made from unused storage rooms, coal silos, locomotive tenders, dry salt bins, etc. These dissolvers, in addition to saving space, did not require expensive materials for their "construction."

Steel gas tank. Here, an unused circular steel tank under a sidewalk was converted into an underground Storage Lixator. (The Lixator is a rock-salt dissolver developed exclusively by International Salt Company.) This unusual Lixator is fully automatic, needs very little maintenance. Salt delivery is no problem at all: trucks dump Sterling Rock Salt directly through the loading hatches into the tank.

Dry salt storage bin. A few additions converted an existing dry salt storage bin into a rugged dual-unit Storage Lixator. Reinforced concrete was poured to make two 6-ft.-high salt-dissolving tanks in the bottom of the bin. Water inlet and brine discharge pipes, plus a few other necessary pieces of equipment, were installed... and the Lixator was ready to operate.

#### THE LIXATE PROCESS

... for making brine works like this: Sterling Rock Salt is stored in a tank called a Lixator. Water is admitted near the top. It flows down, dissolving salt as it goes. Soon fully saturated and unable to absorb more salt, this brine is completely self-filtered by the salt crystals in the bottom of the tank. The resulting Lixate Brine is exceptionally pure, clean, high in quality. As this brine is drawn off to points of use, more Sterling Rock Salt flows into the Lixator, and more water is admitted to produce more brine.



SIMPLIFIED SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF A STORAGE LIXATOR BUILT INTO PASSAGEWAY WALLS

Unused basement area. A large industrial plant is now using a basement room to make clean, fully saturated Lixate Brine for water-softener regeneration. Here again, a reinforced-concrete tank makes the lower portion of the room into a watertight salt-dissolving and brinestorage unit. Dry Sterling Rock Salt is stored in the space above the salt-dissolving tank, and in the room directly over the Lixator.

Underneath a railroad trestle. One of the most dramatic Lixator installations is the conversion of the empty space under a railroad trestle. 70 ft. long, 18 ft. wide, and 12 ft. high, this extraordinary Storage Lixator can make thousands of gallons of Lixate Brine per hour. And salt delivery is entirely automatic: Sterling Rock Salt drops directly from railroad hopper cars on the trestle into the Lixator.

There are dozens of different Storage Lixators, converted, like the ones described here, from existing plant equipment... and tailored to the specific needs of each particular company. If your company could benefit from the conversion of unused space into a Lixator, be sure to contact International Salt Company. One of our experienced sales engineers can show you detailed plans of existing Lixators. He can also work with you to decide on the installation that will best meet your requirements.

To get this impartial technical assistance, contact your nearest International sales office, or write to us direct.

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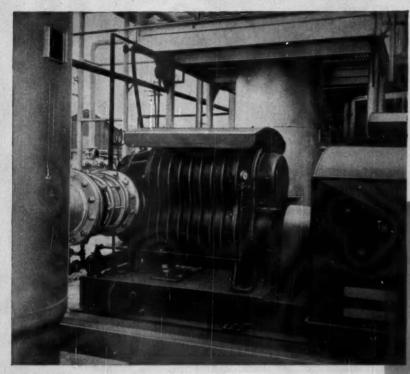
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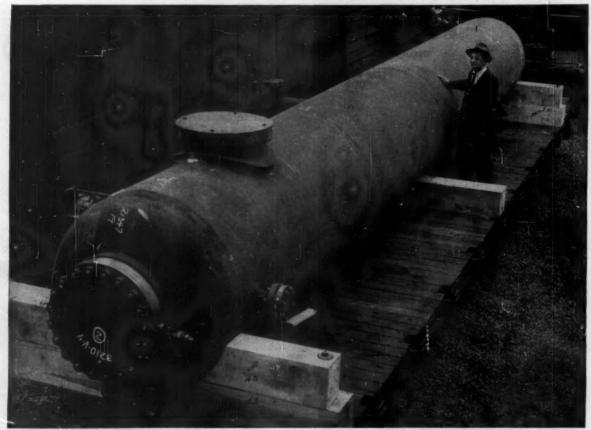
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NEWPORT NEWS BUILT two 39'-7" horizontal gas scrubbers, such as this, for J. F. Pritchard & Co. They were made of ASTM-A212 Grade B fire box steel, with structural mesh steel interiors.

## Gas scrubber made of 27/8" steel

Newport News builds almost any type of pressure vessel and other heavy process equipment

Here is one of two horizontal gas scrubbers recently built for an operating pressure of 1800 psi at 300°F.

Newport News made both vessels from fire box steel, 2% inches in thickness. We formed and automatically welded this steel into sections having a diameter of only 4 feet.

Rolling thick steel to this small diameter...no easy accomplishment, as you probably know . . . demonstrates the sort of jobs Newport News takes in stride.

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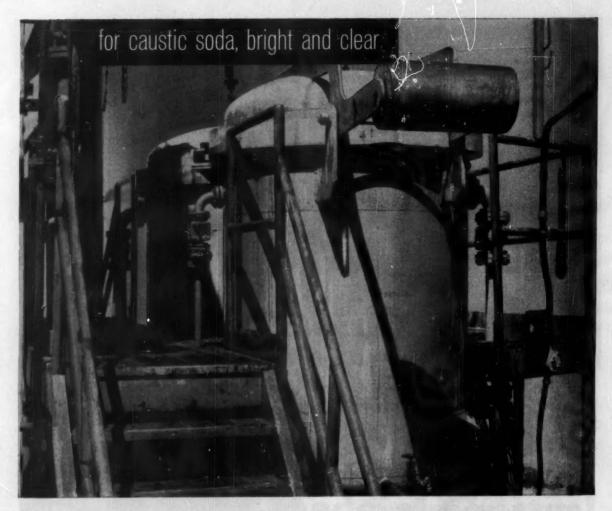
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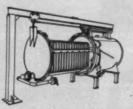
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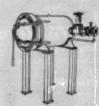
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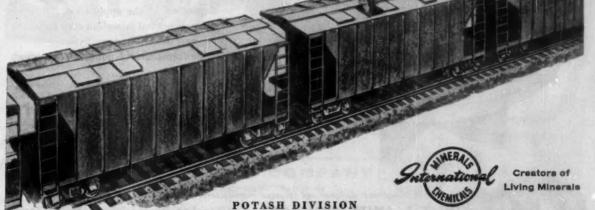
#### CHEMICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Chemical	Purity Range
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IRON	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> 0.03 - 0.06%
LIME	CaO 0.07 - 0.08%
ACID INSOL.	0.02 — 0.10%
OXIDES**	R <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> 0.04 0.09%
BORON	B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> 0.0025 - 0.015%
CHLORIDE	C1 0.015 - 0.06%
SULFATE	504 0.02 - 0.07%
SODIUM AND POTASSIUM	Na-K 0.02 - 0.07%
LOSS ON IGNITION	Nil

\*Mainly SiOs \*\*Other than FesOs



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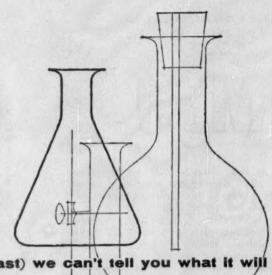


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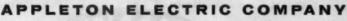
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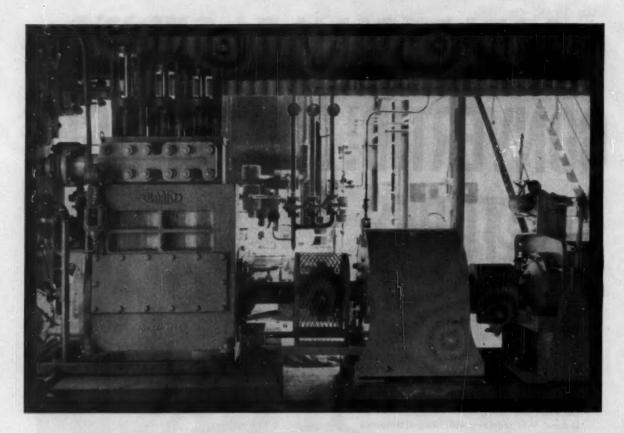




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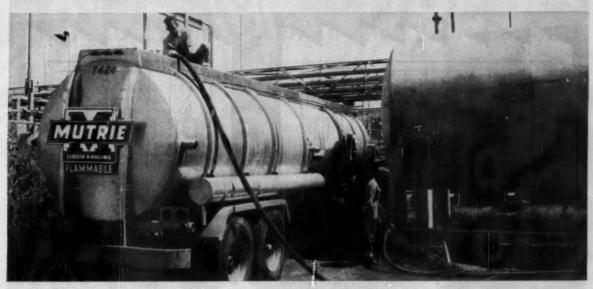
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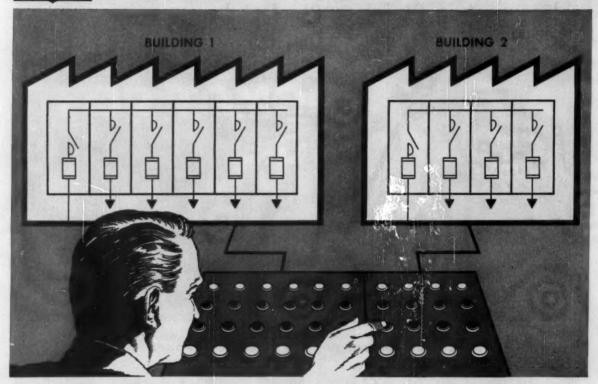
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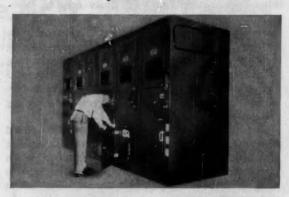
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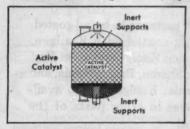
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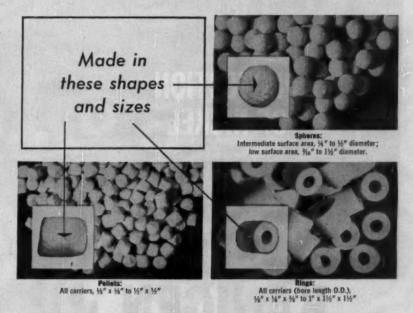
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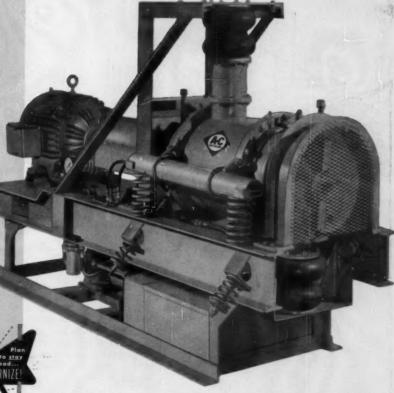
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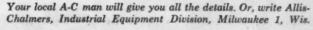


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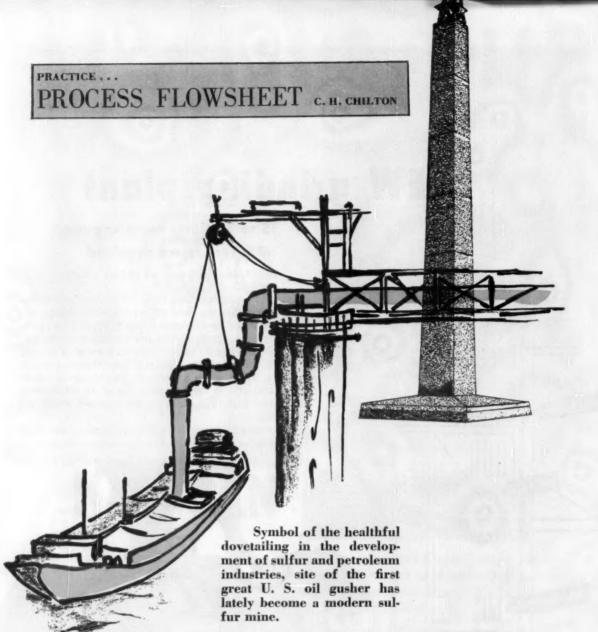
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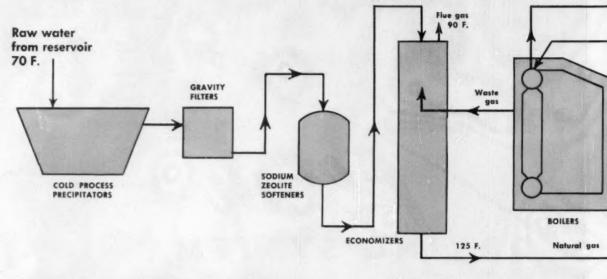
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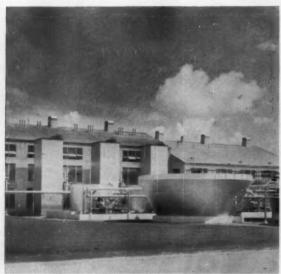
Texas Gulf Sulphur Co. built its most modern U.S. plant six years ago on the site of the nation's first great oil gusher, at Spindletop, Tex. The Spindletop gusher not only accelerated development of the modern oil and gas industry, but also—by making cheap fuel abundant—gave modern sulfur mining via the Frasch process its start.

Since these common beginnings 50-odd years ago, the paths of the fast-growing oil and sulfur industries have crossed and re-crossed. Common Bonds — Sulfur often occurs at the flanks of the same kind of salt formation as does oil. Sulfur-bearing impurities are present in most petroleum crudes and have to be removed from petroleum products. For many years,

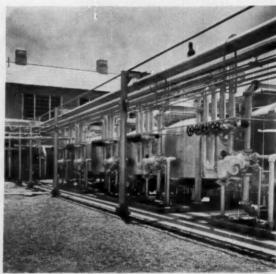
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this was done by chemical treatment processes which wasted the sulfur instead of recovering it. Now, about 7.5% of total U.S. sulfur production comes from "sweetening" of petroleum and natural gas.

Around 1950 several developments converged to focus a profitable light on sulfur recovery from hydrocarbon sources:

• The Korean War had precipitated a sulfur shortage.

 As low-sulfur (sweet) crudes became scarcer, petroleum refiners were using increasing amounts of sour crudes.

• Hydrorefining processes, which remove sulfur in readily re-

coverable form from petroleum, got a commercial start. The cheap hydrogen they needed became available within the refinery as a byproduct of the then-new catalytic reforming processes.

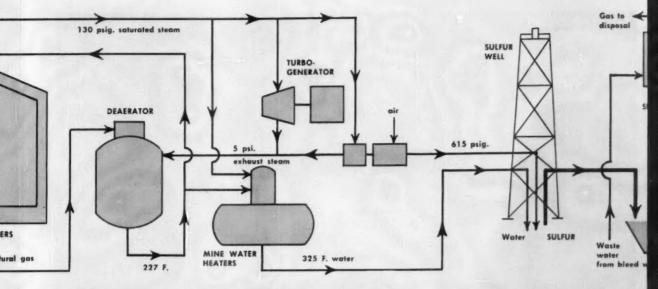
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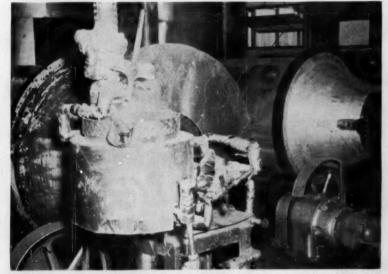
Because deposits of elemental sulfur face ultimate depletion, alternative sources will inevitably gain in importance. Currently at the 500,000-ton/yr. level, production of sulfur from petroleum is expected to double by 1962.

▶ Off-Shore Too — But efforts to

stave off that day of ultimate depletion of the native element form another point of contact between petroleum and sulfur industries. Several years ago Humble Oil & Refining, prospecting for off-shore oil, found what may be the world's largest sulfur dome about 7½ mi. off the Louisiana coast. Down some 1,800 ft., it has been leased by Freeport Sulphur Co., which is completing a 1-mi.-long steel island from which to conduct drilling operations at the site.

When production begins late in 1960, it will mark the first offshore sulfur mining operations. And more is expected from underwater drilling. Texas Gulf Sul-





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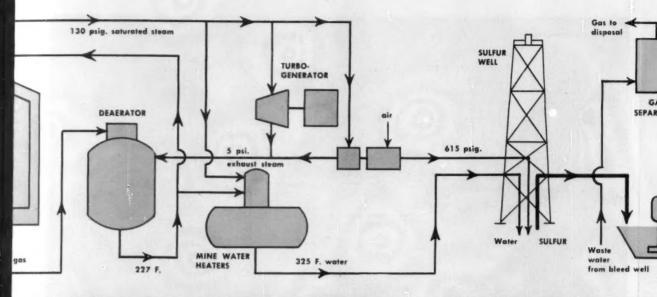
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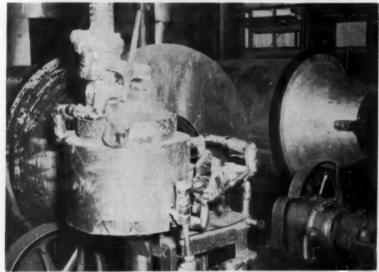
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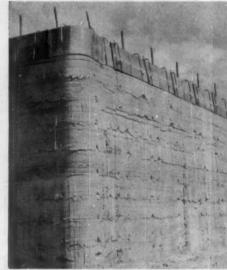
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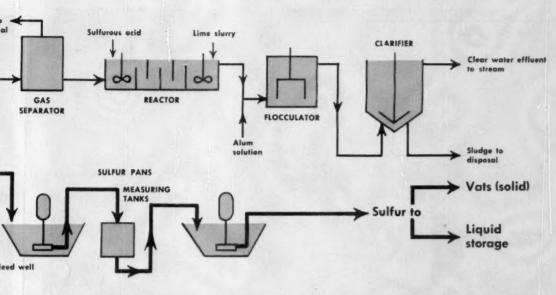
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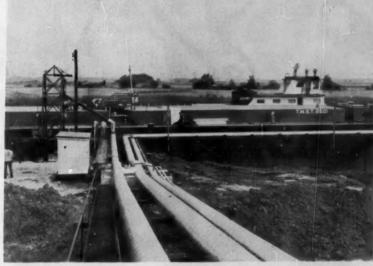
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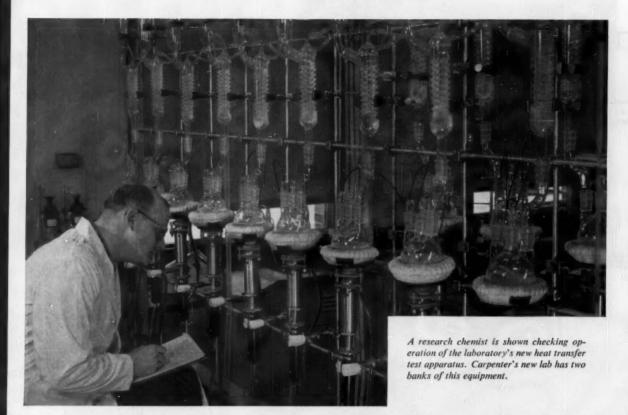
water into the deposit through the wells to melt the sulfur; raising the melted sulfur to the surface.

The well consists of four concentric pipes. Hot water, forced down one annulus, melts and frees the pure sulfur. Piping arrangement is such that water-free sulfur rises through another annulus with the aid of compressed air introduced through the center pipe.

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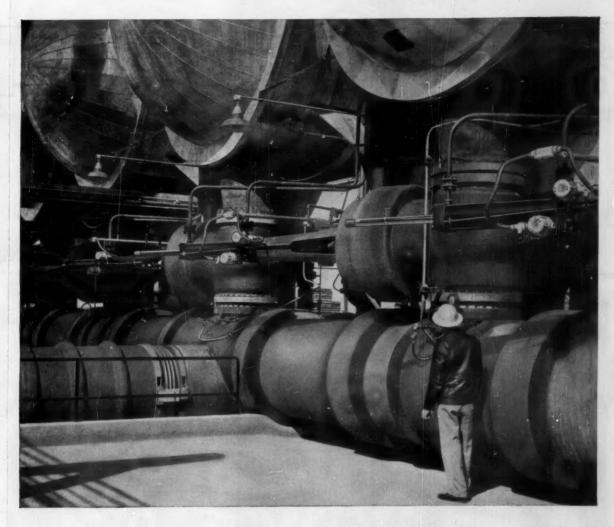
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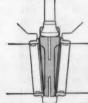
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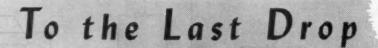
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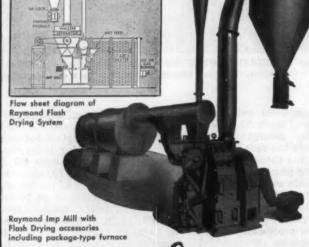
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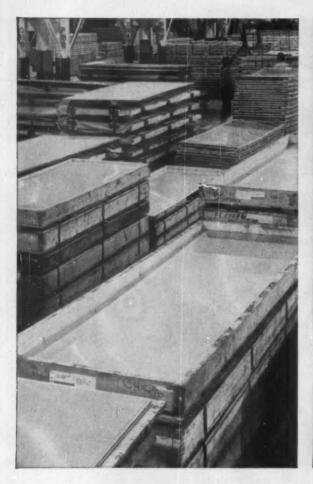
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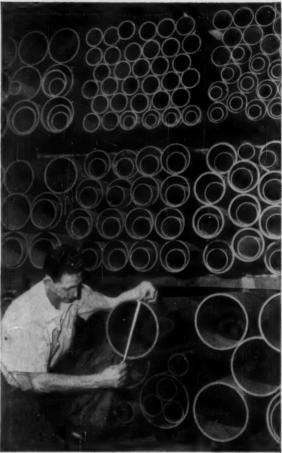
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# **Air-Cooled Heat Exchangers**

Why cool with air instead of water?

How fast can air-cooled units transfer heat?

What types of exchangers can you buy?

How do you make a design-cost estimate?

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DIRECT cooling of fluids by passing ambient air over extended (finned) tube surfaces is a comparatively recent innovation. Its application has been cautiously adopted because of the usual reluctance to change from conventional methods, and because of the lack of available publications which provide information to potential users for rating and estimating air-cooled exchangers.

We hope this article will serve as a tool to plant and process designers, heat transfer study groups and specification engineers for determining approximate surface, operating power, plan area, weight and price information for aircooled heat exchanger applications.

# Why Air Makes a Good Coolant

Some typical general advantages of direct cooling with air as compared to cool-

ing with water in shell-and-tube exchangers are:

 Eliminates problem of temperature rise in, and chemical pollution of, water resources.

 Enables location of plant to be independent of water supply.

• Enables cooler location directly adjacent to process equipment without necessity of coolant piping.

• Minimizes heat exchanger maintenance costs. Descaling of water-contacted surface is eliminated, as is additional surface required because of water-side fouling. Well-designed mechanical drives—operating in an inherently noncorrosive atmosphere—are almost completely trouble-free.

 Since the available water temperature, either from a cooling tower or natural source, is usually above the average air temperature during colder months, the available approach of outlet-fluid to cold-coolant temperature on an annual basis favors air cooling.

• In the event of power failure water circulation through shell-and-tube coolers will immediately cease. Depending upon temperature level and design heat transfer rate, the capacity of an air-cooled system with fans off may be up to 40% of design capacity because of natural induced draft and radiation.

• Process fluid temperature is easy to control. Although control

## Typical Transfer Coefficients For Air-Cooled Exchangers

	U
	Btu./(hr.,
Condensing service	sq. ft., deg. F.)
Amine reactivator	90-100
Ammonia	100-120
Freon 12	60-80
Heavy naphtha	
Light gasoline	80
Light hydrocarbons	80-95
Light naphtha	70-80
Reactor effluent-Pla	t-
formers, Rexformer	18,
Hydroformers	60-80
Steam (0-20 psig.)	130-140
Still overhead—light	
naphthas, steam an	d
non-condens. gas	60-70
Gas cooling service	
Air or flue gas @ 50	psig.
$\Delta P = 1 \text{ psi.}) \dots$	10
Air or flue gas @ 100	psig.
$(\Delta P = 2 \text{ psi.}) \dots$	20

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Air or flue gas @ 50 psig.		
$\Delta P = 1 \text{ psi.}$	4	10
Air or flue gas @ 100 psig.		
(ΔP=2 psi.)		20
Air of flue gas @ 100 psig.		
$(\Delta P = 5 \text{ psi.})$		30
Ammonia reactor stream		80-90
Hydrocarbon gases @ 15-50		
psig. $(\Delta P = 1 \text{ psi.})$		30-40
Hydrocarbon gases @ 50-		
250 psig. (ΔP=3 psi.)		50-60
Hydrocarbon gases @ 250-		
1,500 psig. ( $\Delta P = 5$ psi.).		70-90
1,500 pag. (Δr = 5 pa.).		70-30

iquid cooling service	
Engine jacket water	120-130
Fuel oil	20-30
Hydroformer and	
Platformer liquids	70
Light gas oil	60-70
Light hydrocarbons	75-95
Light naphtha	70
Process water	105-120
Residuum	10-20
Tar	5-10

Coefficients are based on outside bare tube surface for 1-in. O. D. tubes with 8 extruded Al fins/in., § in. high, 16.9 surface ratio.

of water flow and temperature rise for the purpose of regulating fluid temperature can be limited by scale deposition at high water temperatures, there is no such limit for air.

• Eliminates water treating

• Air cooling is more advantageous for cooling high-pressure streams. The fluid is always inside the tubes. Tube sheet thickness is considerably reduced because of high ligament efficiency (greater tube spacing), and because tube sheet may usually be of steel rather than of a nonferrous alloy. Aircooled exchangers are now operating at 7,500 psig. cooling hydrogen.

• Ground area requirements can be minimized by installing air-cooled exchangers at elevations above other operating equipment, or above roadways. Frequently, shell-and-tube exchangers or pumps are mounted below air-cooled equipment and monorails with trolley hoists are carried by the air-cooled exchanger structure for servicing the equipment mounted below.

# Over-All Heat Transfer

The basic heat transfer relationships employed in shell-and-tube exchanger design apply to aircooled heat exchangers. The over-all heat transfer rate U is expressed:

$$\frac{1}{U} = \frac{1}{h_a} + R_m + R_{if} + \frac{1}{h_i}$$

h<sub>a</sub> is the air-side transfer coefficient—determined experimentally for a given: tube outside diameter; type, material, spacing and height of fin; and tube spacing in the bundle. This value is referred to the tube outside diameter and includes resistance of the fin metal, the effect of fin efficiency, and resistance of the bond between fin and tube.

 $R_m$  is the resistance of the metal of the tube wall as found in the literature for the required material, wall thickness and operating temperature.

 $R_{ij}$  is the fouling resistance of the fluid inside the tubes—determined from applicable standards or, sometimes, specified by the buyer as a result of his knowledge of and experience with the fluid being cooled.

h, is the film transfer coefficient for the hot fluid inside cylindrical horizontal tubes—readily obtainable from the literature, and specifically determined by the heat exchanger designer. This value is a function of mass flow rate and the physical and thermal characteristics of the fluid in the tubes.

The table on this page shows over-all heat transfer rates (U) referred to bare tube outside surface for 1-in. O.D. tubes (0.262 sq. ft./linear ft.). Fins are \(^{\frac{1}{2}}\) in. high, spaced 8 per inch, with a surface ratio of 16.9. The values are typical design coefficients based upon inside coefficients permissible with the usual allowable tube-side pressure drops, usual fouling resistances, and optimum air velocities and air-side coefficients for the individual services listed.

Applications with comparatively high tube-side coefficients have relatively high design air velocities, whereas low inside coefficients result in selection of low air velocities. The lower the tube-side coefficient, the more critical becomes pressure drop in design considerations; the higher the tube-side coefficient, the more surface requirements are affected by design fouling resistances.

# Finned Tubes and Exchangers

In evaluating commercially available finned tubing, the buyer should consider not only its initial ability to transmit heat, but also its ability to perform over long periods of operation with repeated thermal shock. Of importance in this respect are:

 The average fin thickness influences heat flux through the fin and relative structural rigidity.

• Fin cross-sectional shape determines fin efficiency and structural strength. Parabolic shape is ideal; triangular shape is only slightly less effective.

• Method of fin attachment fixes the amount of fin material surface in bonded metal-to-metal contact with the outside surface of the tube. This determines heat flux between fin material and tube.

 The smoothness of contour and surface controls resistance to air flow.

A great deal of research and experience has determined the various fin dimensions and tube pitch now used in industrial applications. For a 1-in. O.D. tube, fin heights vary from 0.5 to 0.625 in., fin spacing from 7 to 11 per linear inch, and tube pitch from 2.0 to 2.5 in.

Ratio of extended surface to bare tube outside surface varies from 10 to 20. Net free area for air flow through each tube row is about 50% of the face area of the bundle.

Design air-side coefficients (h<sub>a</sub>) vary from 100 to 200 Btu./(hr., sq. ft., deg. F.) referred to bare tube outside surface for a variation of air face-velocity from 300 to 750 ft./min. Ideally fin height and spacing and tube pitch would vary with the service. Practically, manufacturers find it more economical to limit fin configurations to a few standard selections.

No allowance has been included in the above equation for fouling resistance on the external (finned) surface. With only minimum maintenance there is no appreciable detrimental effect of external fouling on heat transfer rates. The exchanger should be cleaned by means of an air, water or steam jet at least once yearly. Even when considerably fouled with dirt, lint, salt encrustations or other foreign material, the unit capacity is reduced not so much by fouling as by reductions in mean temperature difference and air-side coefficient due to restricted air flow.

Industrial air-cooled heat exchangers usually have rectangular bundles containing several rows of tubes, horizontally aligned and vertically offset. Air flows vertically upward across the tube bank. Air flow is either induced by fans above the bundle or forced by fans below the bundle. Heat transfer is substantially countercurrent, since the hot fluid enters at the top of the bundle and flows downward through successive passes. Within practical limits, the longer the tubes and the greater the number of tube rows, the less expensive the surface becomes on a unit sq. ft.

Bundles of standard design are available in widths of 8 ft., lengths to 30 ft. and depths to 8 rows. Usually the maximum dimensions are dictated by shipping limitations. Standard lengths are 8, 10, 12, 20, 24 and 30 ft. Bundles may be stacked, resulting in a total depth of up to 30 rows of tubes to suit the particular service. Individual bundle depth may be limited, or horizontally split headers required, by services with excessively high fluid temperature differences per pass, in order to accommodate tube expansion.

One or more bundles of the same or different service may be combined in one unit. Bundles of differing depth, where combined in one unit, are designed for the same air static pressure and, consequently, varying air velocities. Units of relatively equal width and length usually have one fan, whereas longer units may have two or more fans.

# Preliminary Estimating Method

The air-cooled heat exchanger designer has considerable latitude in his design alternatives by varying the mass flow rate of the hot fluid and the velocity and temperature rise of the air. Less flexibility is usually available in design of shell-and-tube exchangers, where water velocity is limited to prevent erosion and water temperature rise is limited to reduce scale formation.

One of the first considerations of the designer is to examine the service conditions to determine the optimum tube bundle depth since this materially affects cost and exchanger installation plan area. The most important variables in this regard are the cooling level and the over-all heat transfer rate. In effect these functions determine the relative quantity of air for a given duty (heat load).

If the air quantity per heat unit is comparatively low, the surface may be stacked and the air pumped through with reasonable power consumption per unit of surface. Conversely, if the air requirement is relatively high per heat unit, the surface must be provided in less depth and spread over a greater plan area. In the first case the power is consumed in pumping a small quantity of air against a high static pressure, whereas in the latter case a large air quantity is pumped against a lower static pressure.

In Fig. 1 the relationship between optimum number of tube rows and the function  $(T_1 - t_1)/U$  is given. Selections in actual practice may not fall exactly within the shaded area of the curve because the service may have to fit standard units or because other relative values may be given to fan power and first costs than those used here.

Values on this curve do not necessarily represent the lowest surface selection. The shape of the curve is dependent upon the variation of horsepower with air velocity, the

#### Nomenclature.

- A Surface area based on tube O.D., sq. ft.
- FA Face area of bundle, sq. ft.
  FV Face velocity of air, std. ft./min.
  h. Air-side film heat transfer co-
- efficient, Btu./(hr., sq. ft., deg. F.).

  h. Inside film heat transfer co-
- efficient, Btu./(hr., sq. ft., deg. F.).
- LMTD Effective log mean temperature difference, deg. F.
- Q Heat load, Btu./hr.
- Fouling resistance of process fluid inside tube, 1/[Btu./(hr., sq. ft., deg. F.)].
- R<sub>m</sub> Resistance of tube metal, 1/ [Btu./(hr., sq. ft., deg. F.)].
- t. Inlet air temperature, deg. F.
- t<sub>1</sub> Outlet air temperature, deg. F. Inlet process fluid temperature,
- T. Outlet process fluid tempera-
- ture, deg. F.

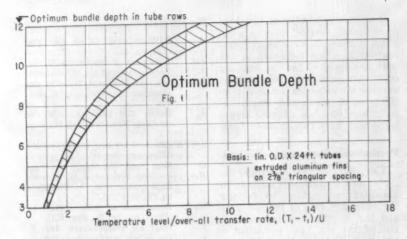
  U Over-all heat transfer rate
  (based on bare tube O.D.),
  Btu./(hr., sq. ft., deg. F.).

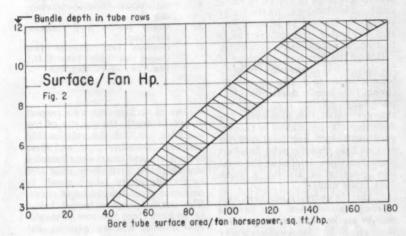
change in surface cost with respect to bundle depth, the density of the available air and the relationship between operating cost and first cost. Stringent space requirements and shipping limitations may also be considerations which result in deviation from the indicated curve. The curve is not extended below three rows since two-row or single-row bundles are, in general, not economically feasible.

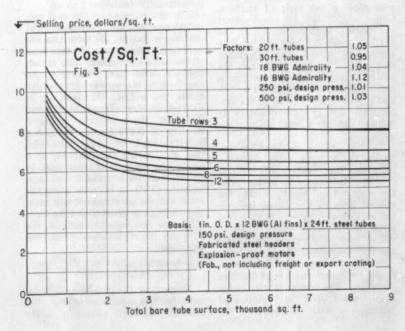
For the purpose of thermal calculations used in air-cooled heat exchanger design, air velocities are ordinarily based upon the face area of the tube bundle and upon standard air. The face area (FA) of the bundle is simply its length times the width. Standard air is defined as dry air at 70 F. and 29.92 in. Hg pressure, having a density of 0.075 lb./cu. ft. and a specific heat of 0.24 Btu./(lb., deg. F.). Using standard air as a basis, the product of face area in sq. ft. and the standard air facevelocity (FV) in ft./min. gives the total volume of standard air moving through a given size tube bundle. The temperature rise of the air can be calculated from the equation:

# $t_0 - t_1 = Q/(FA \times FV \times 0.075 \times 60 \times 0.24)$ $= Q/(FA \times FV \times 1.08)$

Neglecting the presence of moisture in the atmosphere has the over-all effect of adding a safety







factor to air-cooled heat exchanger design, since for a given amount of surface, fan power and heat load, the presence of moisture will reduce the air temperature rise thereby increasing mean temperature difference.

Additional data of value to the exchanger designer are the following estimating factors. The ratio of surface to face area is based on 1-in. O.D. tubing on 23 in. triangular spacing.

Depth, tube rows	4	6	8	10	12
Unit weight, lb./					
sq. ft. FA	75	88	115	131	147
Typical FV, std.					
ft./min.	595	540	490	445	405
Sq. ft. surface/					
sq. ft. FA	5.04	7.60	10.08	12.64	15.20

The next step is to decide upon the proper selection of fan and fan driver. Driver output horsepower is calculated from the equation:

H.P. = [actual cu. ft./min. (at fan)  $\times$  actual total press. (in. water)]/ [6,356  $\times$  fan efficiency  $\times$  drive efficiency]

The actual volume at the fan is calculated by multiplying the standard volume of air times the density of standard air (0.075 lb./cu. ft.) divided by the density of air at the fan. From this relationship it can be seen that the ratio of fan horsepower for a forceddraft unit as compared to that for an induced-draft unit is approximately equal to the ratio of the exit air density to the inlet air density. Neglecting the presence of water vapor, this horsepower ratio is also equal to the ratio of the absolute air temperatures  $(t_1 + 460)$  $(t_a + 460)$ .
The total pressure across the fan

The total pressure across the fan is equal to the sum of the velocity pressure for the selected fan diameter plus the static pressure, which is determined from the equipment manufacturer's test data for a given finned tube and tube spacing. Fan diameters are selected to give velocity pressures of approximately 0.1 in. of water.

Industrial axial flow fans have total efficiencies of approximately 65%, and fan drives usually have a minimum of 95% mechanical efficiency. The design of the fan, the fan housing and air plenum chamber can materially affect the fan efficiency. The value of driver output horsepower must be divided by driver efficiency to determine input power. In all cases, efficiencies in the formula are expressed in fractions, or %/100.

Fig. 2 gives the sq. ft. of bare tube surface per driver output horsepower as a function of tube bundle depth. As in the case of Fig. 1, actual selections may deviate from the indicated area in the process of designing to standard units and because of different relative value being given to first cost and operating cost. Substantial increase in elevation above sea level—with a decrease in air density—will also cause an increase in relative fan power.

As in the case of other types of heat exchange equipment, the surface required is determined from

the equation:

$$A = \frac{Q}{U \times LMTD}$$

From correlations presented in this paper, the surface, plan area, weight and horsepower requirements may be determined. The approximate selling price is shown in Fig. 3, which gives the price per sq. ft. of bare tube surface as a function of the total bare tube surface required for a given service, and the tube bundle depth. The prices indicated are F.O.B. factory prices and do not include freight or export crating.

The prices are based upon 1-in. O.D. x 12 BWG x 24 ft. long steel tubes with extruded aluminum fins, fabricated steel headers with steel shoulder plugs, 150 psig. design pressure and explosion-proof motors for fan drivers. Values are based upon V-belt drives for fan diameters to approximately 11 ft., and gear drives for larger diameter fans. Price multiplication factors are included for tube materials.

It can be seen from these curves that price per sq. ft. varies little for installations in excess of 5,000 sq. ft. of bare tube surface.

# Making a Guesstimate

Here's a summary of the individual steps in estimating surface, horsepower, plan area and cost of air-cooled unit applications by means of information in this article.

1. From knowledge of the plant location and the process requirements tabulate Q, the heat load in Btu./hr.; the process fluid temperatures  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ ; the design ambient air temperature  $t_1$ ; design pressure; tube material; and the type of service.

2. Refer to the table of typical over-all heat transfer coefficients and select a *U* for the particular type of service.

3. Calculate the value of  $(T_1 - t_1)/U$  for this service, and from Fig. 1 read an optimum bundle

depth in tube rows.

4. From the tabulation on p. 148, record the typical standard air face-velocity, the ratio of surface area to face area, and the ratio of weight to face area corresponding to the number of tube rows determined in ston 3.

5. Now fixed are the over-all heat transfer rate, the tube bundle depth, the air face velocity and the relationship of surface, horsepower and weight to the face area. The exact surface requirement must then be determined by a trial and error process as follows:

· Assume an air temperature

rise  $(t_1-t_1)$ .

• Using the relationship,  $FA = Q/[(t_1 - t_1) \times FV \times 1.08]$  calculate the total face area required.

· With the above assumed air temperature rise, both the fluid and air temperatures are now known and the log mean temperature difference (LMTD) may be calculated. If there is an obvious temperature cross, i.e., if the outlet air temperature t, is considerably above the required outlet fluid temperature T, and fluid side pressure drop is critical (number of tube passes is limited), it will be necessary to correct the LMTD from LMTD correction charts available in the literature for crossflow, both fluids unmixed. In most cases, this correction is negligible.

• Using the equation,  $A = Q/(U \times LMTD)$ , calculate the bare

tube surface required.

 Divide this total surface by the ratio of surface area to face area determined from the table on p. 148, and compare this value of face area to that determined above.

• If the values of face area are not substantially equal, assume another air temperature rise and repeat the calculations above to determine the accurate value of surface A and face area FA required.

It is at this point that the experienced equipment designer will actually fix the number of tube passes and fluid mass flow velocity, confirm the assumed value of *U*, and check tubeside pressure drop.

6. The face area now determined

is roughly equal to the plan area of the required installation. Divide the total face area by an assumed tube length to determine the plan dimension of the installation perpendicular to the direction of the tubes. Calculate the total fan horsepower requirement by dividing the total surface area A by the value of surface per horsepower obtained for the applicable bundle depth on Fig. 2. Determine the total approximate unit weight by multiplying the total face area by the weight per unit face area obtained from the table on p. 148.

7. Using the curves and tabulation on Fig. 3, find the unit cost per sq. ft. and calculate the total

price.

# Remember These Design Points

There are several other factors to keep in mind when designing air-cooled exchangers in addition to those already pointed out.

Maximum design temperatures as well as operating temperatures should be stated. If outlet fluid temperature is critical—requiring air flow regulation for temperature control—variable-pitch fans or shutters are available for air flow control.

From the standpoint of reducing power and operating costs, the use of automatically variable-pitch fans is preferable to using shutters or shutting off fans. The power required per pound of air moved is substantially fixed for a constant speed and constant pitch fan, but the power varies roughly as the air quantity cubed for a variable-pitch fan. Shutters are recommended only as an economy measure where a number of services requiring temperature control are combined in one unit.

In the case of long-range cooling of viscous liquids and low-pressure gases and condensation at very low pressures, the allowable pressure drop is a very critical requirement. This drop influences the necessary heat transfer surface, and possibly the length and diameter of the tubes. Although we've discussed primarily the use of 1-ln. O.D. tubes, 1½-in. O.D. and larger tubing have been used in services such as flue gas and viscous-oil coolers.

The design ambient air temperature determines the approach of the cold fluid temperature—usually the limiting driving force in the

# Changes in Variables Result in Different Exchanger Designs

The following three air-cooled exchangers were designed for the same service: desuperheat 365,000 lb./hr. of Freon 11 at 16 psig. from 180 F. and totally condense at 115 F. with ambient air available at 70 F. Heat load is 31.6 x 10<sup>6</sup> Btu./hr.

	Exchanger			
	X	. Y	Z	
Surface, sq. ft	12,360	14,735	16,425	
Plan area, sq. ft	2,520	2,940	4,320	
Tube rows	4	4	3	
U, Btu./(hr., sq. ft., deg. F.)	68	60	58	
Effective LMTD, deg. F	37	. 36	33	
FV, std. ft./min	625	450	330	
Air quantity, M std. cu. ft./min	1,575	1,323	1,426	
Fan horsepower	221	118	72	
Price, dollars	85,100	95,600	116,400	

heat exchanger design. Thus the choice of this temperature should be based upon reliable meteorological data for the particular plant location.

Choosing a particularly high figure for ambient temperature may result in unnecessarily large surface selection, and a figure which is too low may hamper plant operation during peak ambient air conditions if the fluid being cooled is a critical stream. Therefore some buyers specify the average daily maximum temperature for the hottest month of the year, while others use a temperature not exceeded more than 5% of the time during the three hottest months of the year.

Plant elevation or altitude becomes important in calculating fan horsepower since the horsepower is roughly inversely proportional to air density for a given weight rate of air flow.

To permit standardization of stores in a plant, the buyer may choose his own tube diameters and lengths. Aluminum has proved to be the most suitable fin material up to 500-550 F., and either baresteel or steel finned tubes operate well above these temperatures.

Fan drivers can be either electric motors, steam turbines, gas engines or other types. Motor enclosure and speed preference (single or two-speed) are choices of the buyer.

Several additional specifications that the designer-buyer has at his discretion are: minimum number of tube bundles and fans per service; type of fan drive (V-belt or gear); plan area limitations; minimum elevation of exchanger outlet for pump suction or gravity drainage; space requirements beneath the air-cooled exchangers; fan-tip speed or noise-level limitations; operating power cost; capital pay-out

#### Which Fan-Forced or Induced?

In most cases the experience of the air-cooled exchanger manufacturer should dictate whether induced-draft or forced-draft designs should be utilized. Forced draft usually has a power advantage, especially if the temperature rise of the air is comparatively high. Forced-draft design permits a more convenient and economical mounting arrangement where a number of bundles and services are to be combined in a single unit.

Induced-draft design provides a more even distribution of air across the bundles, and for a given bundle elevation, affords more space for location of additional plant equipment beneath the unit. This design is more adaptable to suspension of the mechanical equipment from the unit itself, therefore making more suitable mounting the unit above a pipe rack or above shell-and-tube exchangers.

Induced-draft units are much less likely to recirculate hot exhaust air, since the exit air velocity is from two to three times that of a forced-draft unit. This fact becomes increasingly important in the case of a large heat exchanger installation, particularly one requiring a close approach of the fluid

outlet temperature to the inlet air temperature. In most installations the advantages of induced-draft design outweigh the disadvantages, but the problem should be studied factually for each case.

# Effect of Design Variables

Shown in the table at left are three selections of air-cooled exchangers for the same service. This illustrates the relationships of various design variables on the final size, shape and cost of unit.

Compare selections X and Z, noting that a three-fold reduction in fan horsepower is accompanied by a 35% increase in first cost, a 30% increase in surface and a 75% increase in plan area.

All exchanger services will show the same general trend in such comparisons. But each type of service (with its own over-all heat transfer rate and temperature level) will exhibit a different sensitivity to a change of air-side quantity and air-side transfer coefficient. A service with a low transfer rate and high temperature level is comparatively insensitive to changes in air quantity.

Surface requirements of a duty with low temperature level and high transfer rate increase rapidly with a reduction in design air quantity.



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# **Design Factors in Corrosion Control**

- · Avoid galvanic couples in equipment and structures.
- · Avoid opportunities for concentration cells.
- · Avoid localized stresses in materials of construction.
- · Keep surfaces smooth and streamlined.
- · Keep surface-to-volume ratios low.
- · Specify strict fabrication standards and frequent inspection.

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In DESIGNING structures and equipment for corrosive service, the job only begins with the selection of proper materials of construction and the specification of suitable environmental controls. Next the designer must apply his understanding of corrosion fundamentals intelligently to the details of his design and to the fabrication and erection procedures that he specifies. If this vital part of the job is not done well, costly design mistakes are likely to result.

Unfortunately mistakes of this kind are all too common. Many premature and unnecessary corrosion failures of plant equipment, buildings and transportation units have been traced directly to improper design. Another significant cause of needless failures is poor workmanship such as careless welding, maching, assembly or heat treatment. Improper design and poor workmanship go hand in hand since the need for careful fabrication and inspection may not be recognized unless specified by the designer.

Mears and Brown pioneered in calling attention to proper design as a means of reducing corrosion losses. However, this subject has not been sufficiently emphasized in the literature.

Every major plant probably has a file of examples which could be used to illustrate our discussion. Many of these have been reported. A celebrated case in the shipping industry is that of the yacht "Sea Call," built in 1915 with Monel hull plates fastened to steel frames with iron rivets. Galvanic corrosion rapidly destroyed the rivets and weakened the frames, causing the vessel to be scrapped after three months.

Fontanas describes perforation failure of a group

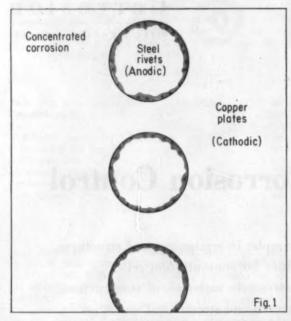
of tanks caused by poor design. Here severe galvanic couples occurred between common steel walls and stainless steel clad bottoms. Goddard cites the failure of power transformers in an aluminum reduction plant because copper cooling coils corroded. The corrosion of these coils could have been prevented by proper attention during plant design to water treatment requirements. Control instruments are often designed without regard to corrosion principles. Failure of these auxiliary devices may be more serious than direct corrosion of process units and piping.

By observing six simple rules based on corrosion principles and sound engineering practice, we can avoid most design mistakes. The rules are: (1) avoid galvanic couples, (2) avoid opportunities for concentration cells, (3) avoid localized stresses, (4) keep surfaces smooth and streamlined, (5) keep surface-to-volume ratio low and (6) specify strict fabrication standards and provide frequent inspection during construction. Disregarding any of these rules can lead to costly failures.

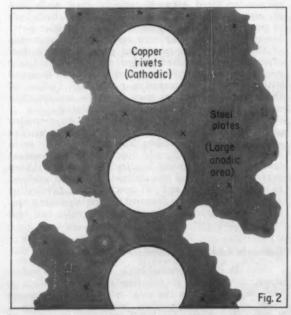
#### **Galvanic Couples Accelerate Corrosion**

Once the electrochemical basis of corrosion is understood, the danger of coupling dissimilar metals is obvious. Yet this is the most common type of error made by the designer, often, because his attention is focused on a particular detail. For example: to avoid valve corrosion, a noble metal may be used in a steel line without anticipating the accelerated pipe corrosion which is likely to result. Or as in the ship failure

# Minimize Galvanic Action in Equipment



Galvanic couple forms between dissimilar metals and causes severe corrosive attack of the anode when the ratio of anodic to cathodic area is small.



Although galvanic couple still exists, ratio of anodic to cathodic areas is large. Hence severity of corrosive attack at anode is minimized by being spread over a larger area. cited previously, a resistant structure may disintegrate because corrosion of its fastenings was not anticipated.

Two important factors establish the rate at which a dissimilar metal couple corrodes. These factors are the potential difference and the ratio of cathode to anode areas. As shown in Fig. 1 where the area of an anodic metal such as steel is small and the area of a cathodic metal such as copper is large, corrosion is rapid and intense. When the reverse is true as shown in Fig. 2, corrosion occurs but is less harmful. Potential differences may be reduced by natural or induced polarization effects. Since most galvanic corrosion processes are under cathodic control, polarization at the cathode is preferable.

When bimetallic couples are necessary, the designer should try to select materials close together in the galvanic series. Exposed area of the less noble metal should be kept large relative to the more noble metal.

If a protective coating is to be applied, the more noble metal should also be covered, even though it is not expected to corrode. This latter point is well illustrated in the tank corrosion problem cited by Fontana. As shown in Fig. 4 galvanic action, between the large area of a cathodic stainless steel bottom and the tiny areas of anodic common steel wall exposed through pinholes in the coating, causes intense corrosion, pitting and perforation failure. This problem was solved by coating the tank bottoms and blocking off cathode areas.

Large potential differences are sometimes unavoidable, as in the use of sheet aluminum over steel structural frames, or brass fittings in steel piping. In such cases, electrical insulation should be provided at connection points by using non-metallic washers, gaskets and nipples. May's points out that in small diameter piping the electrical resistance of liquids restricts galvanic action principally to locations within two or three pipe diameters of a joint. This restriction makes possible the use of waster-nipples four to six diameters in length which are inserted adjacent to joints. Hence, the nipples are accessible for periodic replacement.

An aspect of galvanic action which must not be ignored is deposition corrosion. This is a secondary process resulting from ionic displacement and precipitation of noble metals on a more active metal surface. At points of deposition, local galvanic couples form. An example is the deposition of dissolved copper on galvanized or aluminum tank surfaces. This type of attack can be avoided by not using base metals downstream from more noble metals.

#### Consider Stray Currents and Concentration Cells

Care should be taken to avoid stray currents likely to induce electrochemical corrosion on structures or equipment carrying electric current. Locations at which piping and vessel supports are grounded are most vulnerable. Structures may be weakened by solution of metal or more commonly through disruption of joints or concrete footings by accumulated bulky corrosion products. Though preventive precautions for proper insulation are provided in design, new installations should be tested in actual operation for stray currents upon startup and periodically thereafter.

The many joints normally required in all equipment and structures provide ready opportunities for concentration cells and crevice corrosion. As we pointed out earlier," intensified attack can occur at local anodes in crevices on both inside and outside surfaces of equipment. The designer should studiously avoid crevices by using welded joints in preference to bolted or riveted joints whenever practical. Unavoidable crevices may sometimes be caulked or sealed with an organic compound. To be effective, sealing must be done properly with non-destructive materials.

Not only metal-to-metal joints are dangerous but contacts involving non-metallic materials such as plastics, wood or fabrics require careful attention during design and fabrication. Moisture-retaining materials and compounds containing potentially corrosive components should be avoided. Adhesives must be serviceable under projected exposure conditions and carefully applied. Pinholes and other coating defects should be

minimized.

Opportunities for the collection of concentrated solutions and corrosive components at inaccessible points in liquid carrying equipment must be minimized. For example, provide for complete drainage of tanks. Avoid pockets in which stagnant liquids can accumulate as behind baffles or thermowells in reactors and heat exchangers. Connecting nipples must not project into vessels and tanks. The importance of these considerations in refiner design is discussed by Johnson and Daniels and by Nelson.

Crevice corrosion can be particularly troublesome in heat transfer equipment of conventional design and construction. Recently all-welded heat exchangers have been introduced as high-pressure feedwater heaters. This method of fabrication avoids bolt and gasket head construction and tube rolling. Several such units have been in service" over nine years at 3,600 psi. and 800 F. The design principles used here may be applicable to other types of corrosion-resistant equipment.

# Localized Stress Intensifies Corrosion

Promotion of corrosion by localized stresses can be demonstrated by the simple experiment of immersing a clean common nail into a gelatin solution containing ferricyanide and phenolphthalein indicators. The head and point of the nail, cold-worked during manufacture, are clearly anodic as shown by the blue color developed in the surrounding areas by the ferricyanide solution. Along the cathodic shank of the nail, hydroxide ions color the phenolphthalein red.

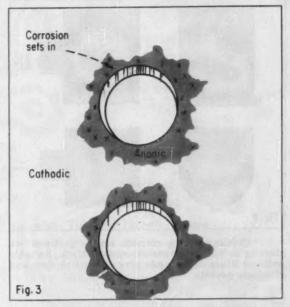
In a similar way localized stresses in any metal structure as shown in Fig. 3 intensify corrosion. Even under reasonably normal stress distribution some

materials are prone to stress corrosion.

Consequently the designer should take every practical precaution to avoid uneven stress distribution in structures exposed to corrosive conditions. Where these are likely to arise in welding, machining or other fabrication steps, stress relief through heat treatment should be specified. This practice requires that vessels, towers and other process units be shop-assembled, annealed and then properly inspected by X-ray techniques. The subsequent transportation expense for large pieces of equipment is more than justified by longer service.

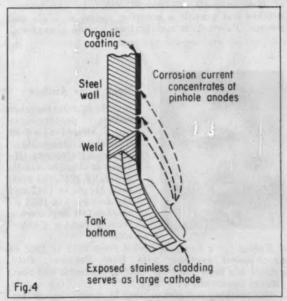
In field assembly and repairs, heat treatment to relieve stresses is not practical. Here, special alloys<sup>e</sup> must be used which do not undergo undesirable metal-

# Localized Stress Creates Potential Anodes



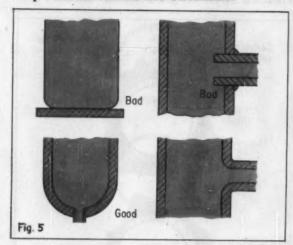
Drilling of bolt hole sets up unequal stress distribution in steel plate. Area surrounding opening becomes anodic and is thus susceptible to attack in corrosive environment.

# **Incomplete Coatings May Cause Corrosion**



Pinholes in protective coatings subject underlying metal to severe pitting if a large area of a more noble uncoated metal functions as cathode.

# Keep Surfaces Smooth and Streamlined



Crevices, sharp corners and projections are starting points for corrosion-erosion attack. Suitable radii on fillets and rounds give streamline flow and eliminate pockets.

lurgical changes during welding or resist stress corrosion effects.

# Surface Smoothness and Streamlining

As mentioned earlier in this series,' rough areas are more susceptible to corrosion than smooth surfaces. Likewise projections and sharp corners provide good starting points for corrosion-erosion failures. Consequently the designer should strive for streamlining of flow channels. He should eliminate unnecessary notches and provide a generous radius at fillets and rounds. Fabrication specifications should always call



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for finishing of rough joints, weld beads and pipe burrs. Through experience and careful attention to detail, the designer learns how to avoid these potential troubles.

#### Surface-to-Volume Ratio Controls Corrosion

with all surface reactions, corrosion rate increases as the ratio of exposed surface to metal volume is increased. This factor can be most important in designing some equipment and structures. Goddard' refers to the failure of aluminum screen wire in a marine exposure which does not materially affect aluminum sheet having the same thickness as the wire. Stranded wire is also known to corrode more rapidly than a single piece of equal diameter. Thus the corrosion engineer seeks to minimize surface-to-volume ratio, especially in the case of thin sections.

# Fabrication and Inspection Standards

No design practice is effective unless proper steps are taken to ensure compliance with resultant specifications. While the major duty here rests with the fabricators, the designer is responsible for calling attention to critical specifications and preferred manufacturing practices. These should include special inspection procedures and criteria as required.

Experience in different industries has led to the establishment of design standards for certain kinds of equipment and to the publication of preferred practice guides. In the former category a number of reports have been published by special committees of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers. One such report is the recent construction standards" for lined acid-proof vessels. In a series of articles, Hoover19 summarizes design standards for lead installations.

In the category of practice guides, Dolan's discusses stress elimination in the design and fabrication of pressure vessels. Rudolph<sup>14</sup> covers the minimization of atmospheric corrosion in structural design. Munger suggests preferred design practices relative to protective coatings. Collins" analyzes the effect of design, fabrication and installation on the performance of stainless steel equipment.

Finally, we should point out that no set of rules or practice guides can insure faultless design or cover every possible contingency. The good designer must be conscientious and ingenious in finding and solving new problems. These characteristics require a thorough understanding of technical fundamentals, tempered with considerable experience.

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# New Aids to Find

# **Tubeside Heat Transfer Coefficient**

# And Pressure Drop for Water

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OR THE important reason that water is a very common heat transfer medium, the preceding short-cut methods in this series have been converted specifically to physical properties of water, and in this article, to the case where water is inside the tubes. Other charts and nomographs2, a have done the same thing.

# How to Find Heat Transfer Coefficients

Find the heat transfer coefficient for water flowing through a 1-2 heat exchanger with 292, 4 in. x 14 BWG tubes (2 tube passes), at a rate of 175,000 lb./hr. and at 100 F., isothermally.

Step 1-Mass velocity G' from Fig. 1 in a prior  $article^{1}$  is  $160 \times 1.13 = 180$  lb./(sec., sq. ft.)

Step 2—Enter Fig. 1 at G' = 180, drop a vertical line to 100 F., and follow the sloping guide line to read  $h_{ii} = 680$ . Correct this for tube size, so that  $h_{ii} = 680$  $\times$  0.952 = 647 Btu./(hr., sq. ft., deg. F.).

This method is based on the equation given as:  $(h D/k) = 0.023 (D G/\mu)^{0.8} (C\mu/k)^{0.4}$ . For water between 40 F. and 220 F. the physical properties may be represented as functions of temperature; and the coefficient can be based on outside tube area. This equa-

tion—basis of Fig. 1—results:  $(h_{i}D_{i}) = 5.6 (1 +$ 0.011 t)  $(D' G')^{0.8}$ 

# Calculate Tubeside Pressure Drops

Find the pressure drop for water in turbulent flow at a rate of 150,000 lb./hr. and at 90 F., isothermally, through the tubes of a 1-2 exchanger having 290, # in. x 14 BWG tubes (2 tube passes). (Continued)

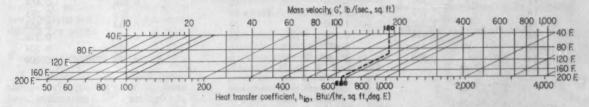
#### Nomenclature-

- Specific heat, Btu./(lb., deg. F.).
- D Inside tube diameter, ft.
- Inside tube diameter, in.
- G
- Mass velocity inside tube, lb./(hr., sq. ft.).
  Mass velocity inside tube, lb./(sec., sq. ft.).
  Heat transfer coefficient (based on internal surface),
- Btu./(hr., sq. ft., deg. F.). Heat transfer coefficient for water (based on outside
- surface), Btu./(hr., sq. ft., deg. F.). Thermal conductivity, Btu./(hr., sq. ft., deg. F./ft.).
- Length of travel, ft.
- Water temperature, deg. F.
- Pressure drop, lb./sq. in.
  - Viscosity at average fluid temperature, lb./(hr., ft.).

# Heat Transfer Coefficients for Water Inside Tubes

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Fig. 1

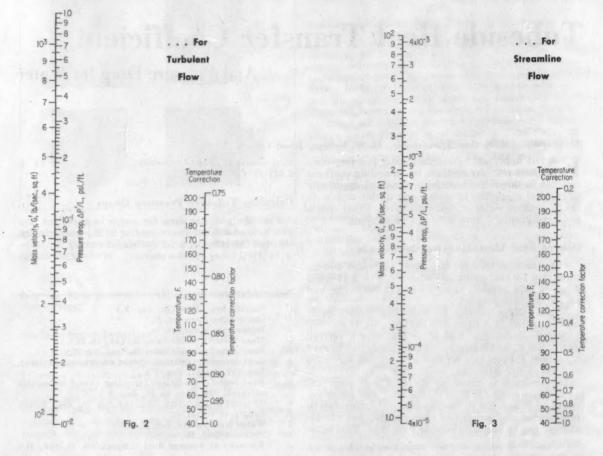


# **Tube Size Correction Factors for Heat Transfer Coefficients**

Tube Size	Factor	Tube Size	Factor	Tube Size	Factor
%" x 10 BWG	0.818	1" x 10 BWG	0.860	11/4" x 8 BWG	0.820
12	0.887	12	0.904	10	0.870
14	0.952	14	0.950	12	0.900
16	1.000	16	0.984	14	0.935
18	1.042	18	1.010	16	0.965

# Four Conversion Charts Help Find Corrected Pressure Drop

Read  $\Delta P'/L$  for your G' value. Multiply by temperature correction and tube size factors.



Fa	ctor		Fac	tor
Turbulent	Streamline	Tube Size	Turbulent	Streamline
1.352	1.650	1" x 16 BWG	0.665	0.505
1.200	1350	18	0.640	0.474
1.072	1.130	1¼" x 10	0.576	0.396
1.000	1.000	12	0.544	0.362
0.940	0.904	14	0.514	0.328
0.758	0.627	16	0.491	0.304
0.702	0.553	18	0.476	0.289
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Step 1-Mass velocity G' from Fig. 1 in a prior  $article^{1}$  is  $138 \times 1.13 = 155$  lb./(sec., sq. ft.).

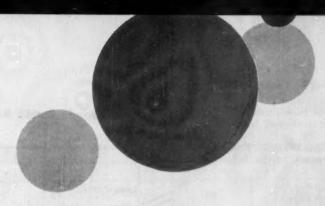
Step 2-From the appropriate line in Fig. 2 read the temperature correction factor as 0.87 at 90 F., and the uncorrected pressure drop as 0.025 at G' =155. For a tube size correction factor of 1.072 and a safety factor of 1.2 (assumed), the pressure drop  $\Delta P'/L = 0.025 \times 0.87 \times 1.072 \times 1.2 = 0.028 \text{ psi./ft.}$ 

Relationships for pressure drop through tubes for any fluid in turbulent or streamline flow have been developed in preceding articles. \* in this series. The

equations have been expressed in terms of physical properties of water, which can be related to temperature, and simplified charts drawn as shown here.

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How to Estimate Engineering Properties

# To Get Viscosity for a Gas Mixture

Since the viscosity of a gas mixture can vary very irregularly you'll find these prediction methods to be most convenient.

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At a given temperature and pressure, the viscosity of a mixture of gases can vary with composition in a highly irregular fashion.

For many binaries, in fact, the viscosity of certain compositions may be greater than the viscosity of either component, the viscosity-composition curve passing through a maximum (this is especially characteristic of mixtures containing

In previous articles (Chem. Eng., Sept. 22, 1958, p. 169; and Oct. 20, 1958, p. 157) we have already considered how to estimate the viscosity of a gas and how to correct for the effects of temperature and pressure. We'll discuss in this article the various estimation methods with which mixture viscosities may be calculated from known pure-component viscosities. Separate treatments of estimation methods for low-pressure and high-pressure conditions are given.

#### For Low-Pressure Mixtures

A number of the earlier semitheoretical equations for  $\mu_m$  have been summarized by Partington<sup>6</sup>; included are the fairly accurate proposals of Sutherland, Thiesen, Puluj<sup>6</sup> and Enskog.

More recent extensions<sup>8, 4, n</sup> of the kinetic theory have resulted in rather complicated but highly accurate (½-1% error) equations for the viscosities of nonpolar binary gas mixtures at low pressure. One simple special case is that of binary

mixtures of heavy isotopes, for which  $M_2/M_1$  approaches unity:

$$\mu_{m} = \frac{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}}{[\mu_{1}^{0-\delta}y_{2} + \mu_{2}^{0-\delta}y_{1}]^{2}}$$
 (40)

The rigorous theory has been extended to mixtures containing three or more components by Curtiss & Hirschfelder.\*\*. 4

A simpler, but less rigorous,  $\mu_m$  equation was developed by Buddenberg & Wilke<sup>®</sup> from the early Sutherland-Thiesen type relation.<sup>®</sup> Their equation may also be obtained from the modern rigorous theory by an empirical simplification of the determinants which appear in the rigorous theory. By an extensive analysis of experimental data, Buddenberg & Wilke assigned an em-

pirical value to a constant in their equation and wound up with a relatively simple and accurate correlation for  $\mu_m$ , for which the average error for 35 gas mixtures was  $\approx 2.2\%$ .

Principal disadvantage of this method is that it requires knowledge of binary diffusion coefficients of the various gas pairs in a multicomponent mixture. The diffusion coefficients must often be estimated in turn from other prediction procedures, and the over-all accuracy of the method usually suffers as a result.

## We Recommend This One

Wilke accordingly modified the earlier relation and obtained a general equation for  $\mu_m$  as a function of the pure-component molecular weights, viscosities, mole fractions and densities:

For the sake of simplicity, if we let.

$$\mu_{1}/\mu_{0} = a$$

$$\mu_{2}/\mu_{1} = b$$

$$\rho_{1}/\rho_{2} = c$$

$$\rho_{2}/\rho_{1} = d$$

$$M_{1}/M_{3} = f$$

$$M_{2}/M_{3} = a$$

Then,

$$\mu_m = \frac{\mu_1}{1 + (y_2/y_1)\phi_{12}} + \frac{\mu_2}{1 + (y_1/y_2)\phi_{21}}$$
 (41)

where,

$$\phi_{13} = \frac{[1 + (ad)^{0.5}(f)^{0.25}]^2}{[4/(2)^{0.5}][1 + f]^{0.5}}$$
(42)

$$\phi_{21} = \frac{[1 + (bc)^{0.5}(g)^{0.25}]^2}{[4/(2)^{0.5}][1+g]^{0.5}}$$
(43)

and where pure component densi-

Boltzmann's constant, ergs/deg.-

M Molecular weight.

Absolute pressure, atm.

T Absolute temperature, deg. K. V. Molecular volume at the boiling

point, cc./gram-mole.
Gas-phase mole fraction.

z Compressibility factor.

Maximum energy of molecular attraction, ergs.

Gas viscosity, micropoises.
 ρ Gas density.

 $\phi$  See Eqs. (42) and (43). Subscripts

b At the normal boiling point.

At the critical point.

For the i-th component.

m For a gas mixture.
r Reduced property.

For a mixture of components 1 and 2.

\*To meet your author, see Chem. Bug., Feb. 10, 1958, p. 173.

Nomenclature.

ties,  $\rho$ , are to be evaluated at mixture temperature and total pressure.

For ideal gas behavior, Eqs. (42) and (43) reduce to the following equations:

$$\phi_{12} = \frac{[1 + (a)^{0.5}(g)^{0.25}]^2}{[4/(2)^{0.5}][1 + f]^{0.5}}$$
(44)

and,

$$\phi_{21} = \frac{[1+(b)^{0.5}(f)^{0.25}]^2}{[4/(2)^{0.5}][1+q)^{0.5}}$$
(45)

To facilitate use of Eq. (41), Bromley & Wilke presented plots of  $\phi$  as a function of  $\mu_4/\mu_2$  and of  $M_1/M_2$  for a range of values. These graphs are given here as Figs. 1 and 2 and they may be used in place of Eqs. (44) and (45). Average error of Eq. (41) in representing  $\mu_m$  for 17 binary gas systems was only 0.97%; excluding  $H_2$ -A, for which agreement was least satisfactory, the avg. deviation was reduced to 0.49%.

In the computations to which these error figures apply, experimental pure-component viscosities were used. Use of calculated purecomponent viscosities would usually increase the error somewhat.

A general  $\mu_m$  equation for multicomponent gas systems was also given by Wilke"; a comparison with data for 13 systems of 3 to 7 components, including industrial gases, gave an avg. error of 1.9%. For these equations and an example of their application to a seven-component gas mixture, we refer you to the original Bromley & Wilke paper.

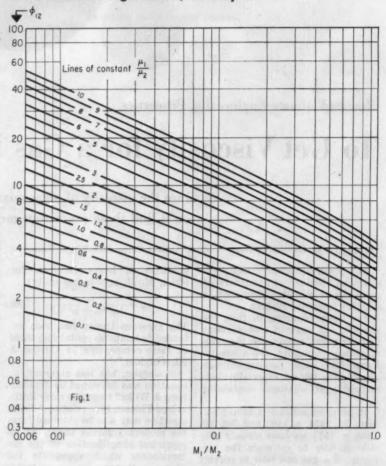
Later, Buddenberg and Wilke<sup>no</sup> presented new  $\mu_m$  experimental data and affirmed the excellence of the rigorous but complicated modern kinetic theory approach.<sup>m. \*</sup> They also tested the simple Schudel<sup>no</sup> equation, a single-constant form of the earlier Sutherland relation:<sup>eq</sup>

$$\mu_{m} = \frac{\mu_{1}}{1 + C(y_{3}/y_{1})(\mu_{1}/\rho_{1})} + \frac{\mu_{2}}{1 + C(y_{1}/y_{2})(\mu_{2}/\rho_{2})}$$
(46)

where pure-component densities are evaluated at mixture temperature and total pressure, and where C is a constant for all compositions of a given gas pair at a specified temperature and pressure.

Eq. (46) gave an avg. error of 0.6% for 16 compositions of five gas pairs when the constant C was evaluated by trial from the data so as to give a minimum deviation.

# For Molecular-Weight Ratios, Be They Low . . .



#### Also Recommended

A simple relation for  $\mu_m$  that is often used in the chemical process industries is that of Herning & Zipperer:<sup>73</sup>

$$\mu_{m} = \frac{\sum y_{i} \mu_{i}(M_{i})^{0.5}}{\sum y_{i}(M_{i})^{0.5}}$$
(47)

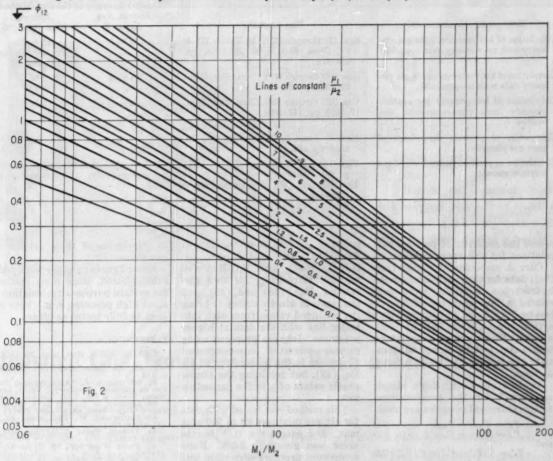
This correlation, often called the "square-root rule," is the simplest accurate rule available. A test by Schmid" on 25 industrial multicomponent mixtures gave an avg. error of 1.9%. Later tests by Carr and coworkers with all available hydrocarbon-mixture data, including their own, indicated that Eq. (47) was accurate within measurement precision; max. error was about 1.5%. Eq. (47) has also been recommended by Maxwell" for hydrocarbon mixtures.

Friend & Adler<sup>m</sup> have pointed out that for gas mixtures with a H<sub>s</sub> content in excess of about 25%, other methods such as Wilke's Eq. (41) are preferable to Eq. (47). Errors are generally <3% for small H<sub>s</sub> contents, but may reach 1.0% for H<sub>s</sub>-rich mixtures. Though Eq. (47) allows for nonlinear isotherms, it does not allow maxima in viscosity-composition curves. It's probably for this reason that Eq. (47) is not as accurate for mixtures containing H<sub>s</sub>, since such mixtures often exhibit maxima.

# Proposed By Johnson

A proposal by Johnson<sup>47</sup> gives good agreement for  $\mu_m$  of binary gas mixtures at low pressure, but is of more concern here in connection with gas mixtures at high pressure,

# . . . or High, These Bromley-Wilke Charts Replace Eqs. (44) and (45).



a case which is discussed in a separate section below.

Johnson's proposal may be stated this way:

$$\mu_{ss} = \frac{\mu_{l}}{1 + [y_{2}/y_{1}][f(A)\mu_{1}z_{1}/M_{1}T^{B}]} + \frac{\mu_{2}}{1 + [y_{1}/y_{2}][f(A)\mu_{2}z_{2}/M_{2}T^{B}]}$$
(48)

where

$$f(A) = [0.00032(\epsilon_{12}/k)^{1.227} \times (V_{ki}^{1/3}V_{k_2}^{1/3})^2 \times (M_1M_2)^{1/2}]/(M_1 + M_2)^{1/2}$$
(49)

where  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are viscosity at T deg. K., micropoises;  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are compressibility factors ( $\cong 1.0$  at low pressure); B is a function of  $k/\epsilon_{12}$  to be obtained from Fig. 3.

Molecular volume at the normal boiling point, V<sub>b</sub>, may be calculated for the components by summing the additive contributions as published earlier in this series. The factor  $(\epsilon_{13}/k)$  may be estimated from Eqs. (6) or (13) and the equation:

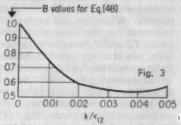
$$\frac{\epsilon_{13}}{k} = \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{k} \cdot \frac{\epsilon_3}{k}\right)^{0.5} \tag{50}$$

or may be calculated from Table II (*Chem. Eng.*, Sept. 22, 1958, p. 170) and Eq. (50).

Andrussow has also published correlations for the calculation of low-pressure  $\mu_m$ .

The equation of Johnson, Huang & Kemp (Chem. Eng., Sept. 22, 1958, p. 171 Table III) may be used with fair success for low-pressure gas mixtures. The maximum error for seven systems was  $\cong 12\%$ ; for mixtures containing CO<sub>2</sub>, the method is not satisfactory. In using this equation, pseudocritical

#### Johnson's Constant



temperature and pressure, Eqs. (51) and (52), and the avg. molecular weight should be used.

#### For High-Pressure Mixtures

Relatively few reliable data are available for gas mixtures of high density. Therefore, it's difficult to

# Over-All Summary of Today's Best Estimation Methods for Gas Viscosity

Engineering Requirements	Best Methods	Approx. Avg. Error, %	Approx.  Max. Error, %
Calculation of low-pressure, pure gas vis- cosity with no viscosity data available.	Eqs. (3) through (15) and Tables III & IV, Chem. Eng., Sept. 22, 1958, pp. 169-172.	3 to 5	15 to 25 (For highly polar compounds)
Correlation of known low-pressure gas vis- cosity data with temperature	Eqs. (16) through (19), Chem. Eng., Sept. 22, 1958, p. 157.	1 to 2	5 to 6
Calculation of low-pressure gas mixture viscosity from pure-component viscosities.	Eqs. (41) through (49), Chem. Eng., Nov. 17, 1958, pp. 157-160.	1 to 2	3 to 6
Calculation of pressure dependence of pure gas viscosity.	Figs. 3, 4 and 5, Chem. Eng., Oct. 20, 1958, pp. 160, 161.	2	8
Calculation of pressure dependence of gas mixture viscosity.	Figs. 3 and 4, Chem. Eng., Oct. 20, 1958, p. 160.  Eqs. (48) and (49), pressure modified in this issue.	2 (for hydrocarbon mixtures only) 1	8 (for hydrocarbon mixtures only) 4

assess the accuracy of possible correlations for this case.

Carr & associates. Found that their data for three multicomponent hydrocarbon mixtures were correlated within an error of 8% or less by Figs. 3 and 4 of our previous article (Chem. Eng., Oct. 20, 1958, p. 160). These mixture data extend to 680 atm. and 220 F. and substantiate the method for hydrocarbons, at least.

In this approach, Kay's simple equations" for the pseudocritical temperature and pressure are used:

$$T_{e'} = T_{el}y_1 + T_{el}y_2 + \cdots$$
 (51)  
 $P_{e'} = P_{el}y_1 + P_{el}y_2 + \cdots$  (52)

and

$$T_{r'} = T/T_{e'}; P_{r'} = P/P_{e'}$$
 (53)

Though Kay's equations were based originally on hydrocarbon data only, it was later demonstrated" that (for P-V-T relations, anyway) they were also applicable to mixtures of other types of components. When the gas analysis is unknown for the case of natural gases,  $T_s'$  and  $P_s'$  may be estimated from gas gravity (see the Bicher-Katz correlation," e. g.).

The over-all procedure, then, is as follows: With known calculated low-pressure pure-component viscosities, calculate  $\mu_m$  using Eq. (47). Then  $T_e$ ' and  $P_e$ ' are calculated from Eqs. (51) and (52); next Eq. (53) is used to compute the pseudoreduced temperature and pressure. Entering Figs. 3 and 4 (see reference above) with calculated  $T_e$ ' and  $P_e$ ', one obtains  $\mu_P/\mu_1$ ; this ratio times the previously calculated low-pressure mixture viscosity then gives the final result.

Johnson," who obtained high-

pressure  $\mu_m$  data over the ranges 200-450 C. and 20-136 atm. for  $H_s$ 0- $O_s$ , He- $O_s$  and  $H_s$ 0-He, also modified empirically his own correlation, Eqs. (48) and (49), and the rigorous kinetic theory to bring the predicted values from each into better line with the data at higher pressures. Johnson proposed using pressure-corrected pure-component viscosities in the numerators of his Eq. (48), but retaining the atmospheric values of  $\mu$  in the denominators.

This method was tested with data for six gas mixtures up to 500 atm. max., and except for H<sub>z</sub>O-He, the error was generally 2-3%. Purecomponent pressure correction may be made by using the Figs. cited above

Wilke's Eqs. (41) to (43) contain density terms and would apparently apply to the nonideal gas state; but to the writer's knowledge, no tests of these equations with high-pressure  $\mu_m$  data have been made.

Kay's rules for the pseudocritical temperature and pressure have also been used with the Uyehara-Watson chart. For correlation of highpressure  $\mu_m$  data. For this case, however, the Carr and Johnson methods are recommended. The Uyehara-Watson method gives about a 6% avg. error at low pressure and 10% at higher pressures.

# Over-All Summary Chart

The table above gives the approximate general accuracies to be expected for the five major areas of calculation when using the best methods of those we have discussed

in this series of three articles on gas viscosity.

General Accuracy of the Rest Methods

Error figures cited are not equally substantiated, since some methods for certain purposes (calculation of  $\mu_m$  at high pressure, e. g.) have not been as fully tested as others.

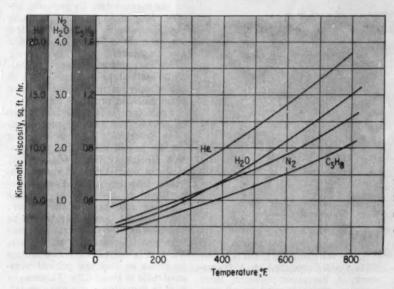
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Here's an unusual trick that may get you out of trouble in measuring the temperature of small gas flows during a heating or cooling process.

# Measure Gas Temperatures With a Flow Meter

\* Winner of the September Contest by

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Measuring gas temperatures at very small flow rates or at very low gas velocities presents serious difficulties. Both thermocouples and thermometers may be subject to large radiation errors which cannot be made sufficiently small, even with the assistance of high-velocity jets, or radiation shielding, or combinations of both.

If this small gas flow is being heated or cooled, there is no simple primary measuring instrument which can readily be used to give a close estimation of its temperature and do so with any degree of certainty.

However, there is a trick which will overcome this difficulty if we have the means for measuring the gas flow rate closely. The principal limitation on accuracy of this method lies in the error in measuring the flow rate and in holding it constant.

A conventional flow meter of the capillary or rotameter type can be

used. If the gas is then passed at a known flow rate through a second suitable capillary installed at some point in a heating or cooling process, Poiseuille's relationship can be used, together with the pressure drop across the capillary, to find the kinematic viscosity of the gas at this point. Since kinematic viscosity is a fairly sensitive function of temperature, and is known over a wide range for many gases and vapors, this gives a method for finding temperature with a good degree of accuracy.

The Poiseuille formula is:

$$\frac{\mu}{\rho} = \frac{\pi g \Delta P D^4}{128 WL} \tag{1}$$

where  $\mu/\rho$  is kinematic viscosity, sq. ft./sec.;  $\Delta P$  is the pressure drop across the capillary, in lb./sq. ft.; D is the diameter of the capillary, ft.; W is the mass rate of flow, in lb./sec.; and L is the capillary length, ft. The chart above shows the variation in kinematic viscosity

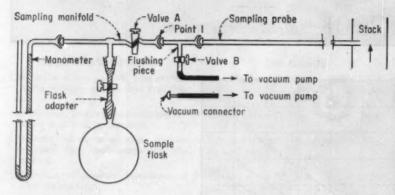
for four widely different gases from 0 to 800 F.

A flow meter made of pure silica capillary tubing has been used to estimate gas temperatures to an accuracy of ±5 F, over the range of 60 to 600 F. Pure silica greatly minimizes errors due to dimensional changes of the capillary but other materials can be used if suitable corrections are made by trial and error for dimensional changes.

Since several of the quantities in the equation will be constant for a given capillary flow meter, it is usually convenient to determine a "geometric" factor for the capillary by carrying out measurements at one known temperature, such as room temperature. Then the working equation becomes

$$\mu/\rho = k\Delta P/W \tag{2}$$

where k is a constant determined at room temperature. This minimizes errors due to non-uniformity of capillary diameters.



# Collecting Integrated Gaseous Samples

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In connection with an air pollution survey conducted by the Public Health Service it was necessary to sample the gaseous organic effluents from a synthetic rubber plant. These wastes were vented through stacks both cyclically and continuously and we needed a sampling method which could secure an integrated 2-liter sample over a period of up to 2 hr.

We decided to use all-glass equipment to avoid possible reactions with the sample and minimize changes in sample composition after collection. This was important since these samples were to be sent to the National Bureau of Standards in Washington for mass spectrographic analysis, involving a con-

siderable time lag.

The diagram shows the sampling train which consists of a 2-liter round-bottom flask sealed by a stopcock in a flask adapter. The adapter connects to a manifold, one end of which is joined to a mercury manometer, the other end terminating in the flushing, sampling and vacuum system. The stopcock labeled Valve A is used to control the rate of sample flow. Valve B is used in purging the train up to Valve A. In initially evacuating the flask the part labeled "flushing piece" is removed and the vacuum connector installed at Point 1. Note all connections except the tapered joints in the flask adapter are ground balland-socket joints. Rubber vacuum tubing connects to the vacuum

pump but the sampled gas contacts only glass.

When the sampling train is in use it is rigidly mounted on a framework. A low-vapor-pressure, inert vacuum grease is used on all connections and cocks. If the gas stream contains particulate matter it must be filtered to prevent clogging the control valve, and in this case it may be necessary to correct for any error caused by selective adsorption of gaseous components on the solids.

Before sampling, the first steps are to evacuate the flask below 1 mm. Hg abs., using the vacuum connector, then to install the flushing piece and insert the sampling probe through a small hole in the stack. With Valve A closed and Valve B open the connections should be purged with stack effluent for 2 to 5 min. Then Valve B is closed and

sampling started by cracking Valve A. Sampling rate is held constant by maintaining a constant rate of pressure rise in the flask, as shown by the manometer. By repeated observations of the rate of pressure rise the operator can easily control the opening of Valve A to hold a sampling period up to 2 hr.

An intermittent, more approximate method is to open Valve A periodically just long enough to give some suitable pressure rise.

From the perfect gas law it can be shown (see authors' more complete description of this sampling method in AMA Archives of Industrial Health, 17, No. 6, 654-8, 1958) that the weight rate of sample entrance into the flask is directly proportional to the rate of absolute pressure rise at the manometer; also, that the sampling rate will be constant as long as the rate of pressure rise is constant. Furthermore. Valve A is equivalent to two orifices in series so that the critical pressure ratio is about 0.39. This means that in sampling a gas approximating air at 1 atm., flow rate through Valve A will hold constant without changing A until the pressure in the flask reaches 0.39 atm. Only when the flask pressure rises above this will it be necessary to make periodic adjustments to A to hold the flow rate and pressure rise constant.

This method was used satisfactorily in collecting 27 sample flasks at the synthetic rubber plant. Analysis showed that the total gaseous emission from the plant was about 10 tons per day, which checked within 6% the plant's estimates which were based on material balances.

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Industry Has a New Role in Education as . .

# **Engineers Go Back to High School**

WHY should management spend the funds of a private corporation on public education? BECAUSE it increases the supply of top-quality engineers.

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Training employees for specific jobs within a company is a long established practice of engineering management. In addition, many progressive corporations provide for their employees education that is related only directly to their work.

However, the concept of spending company funds on the general education of those who are not or may never be employees of the assisting corporation is, to my knowledge, a truly novel one.

Yet, this novel concept is the basis of a rather successful science education program initiated by our company and the Los Angeles school system in 1956, and subsequently expanded to include other companies and other school systems. We call the program the school-industry science program. It now has the active support of a large segment of Southern California industry and Southern California school districts working together as a team.

As engineers, you'll be interested,

I think, in this program and how it might be expanded to include your own employer and your own local school district and in what you yourself can do to enrich the science education of your own children and of your neighbor's children.

In this article we'll try to answer these questions:

- Why should management spend the funds of a private corporation on public education?
- What are the aims of a school-industry science program?
- What does the program cost?
   What has this program accomplished so far?

#### Why Spend Company Funds?

The primary aim of management is profit for the owners of the corporate enterprise. What right, then, has corporation management to expend funds on general science education? How is this expenditure related to increased profits?

The answer lies in modern technology. Now, more than ever, profit

is related to the application of scientific knowledge. There is no question that this will be increasingly true in the future. Any expenditure directed at increasing the number—and improving the quality—of scientists, engineers and mathematicians is in the self-interest of a company whose existence depends on the products of research and development efforts.

Projected figures on research and development expenditures and the number of scientists, engineers and mathematicians needed in 1960 and 1965 emphasize this point.

The incentive just described is, of course, long range. It is also general in that all companies benefit and that our share will depend on how many other companies make similar expenditures. However, there are also more immediate returns.

## You Get Some Immediate Return

For many corporations, the public relations and advertising aspects of



PROGRAM GOES CROSS-COUNTRY as Max Bart, a Hughes engineer, lectures at New York City's Bronx Science High School.

the program will have great value. Such benefit may not be obvious; but other benefits will be more obvious.

For example, even though we scrupulously refrain from any activity that even remotely resembles recruiting, students who meet company scientists and hear directly of their work are bound to be influenced at the time of job decision. One Steinmetz can make a million for a company whose products are based on research.

Moreover, the very fact that a company engages in this kind of activity will appeal to many first-rate scientists who enjoy educational activity and who will recognize teaching as a rewarding part of their profession.

The chance to participate in a program like the school-industry science program is considered a privilege—a type of fringe benefit—by many engineers and scientists.

We also recognize that public goodwill created by this program can mean dollars in unexpected ways to almost any large company.

The incentives are real and strong. The funds expended are properly spent in the stockholder's interest. This is evident in the large number of managements which, after careful consultation with corporation legal staffs, have allocated funds for this program. These include nine companies in the City of Los Angeles alone.

# Program Aims Defined

For Hughes, the primary aim of this program is to increase the number of competent scientists and engineers. This does not mean to lure or entice brilliant students into the field with pictures of glamour and promises of rich reward. This would be immoral.

Rather, we recognize that many potentially outstanding or even

great scientists are lost to the professions because of inadequacies in lower school science. By helping improve science instruction, our primary aim can be achieved. Good science education will guide and motivate. It will help a student discover his potential for a career in science and will show him the steps to such a career.

We built our program around four specific objectives. These are:

1. What can we do to make the man in the classroom a better teacher?

2. How can we show that classroom work is related to what goes on in industrial science?

3. Can we give the student an understanding of what it's like to be a scientist, of what the daily job is, of what it takes to do the job and of how one prepares for and obtains such a job?

4. Finally, we aim for the gifted student. Can we give him the chance to use his special aptitudes and current knowledge in a typical science or engineering situation?

#### What We Did

To make the man in the classroom a better science teacher we have been using a summer employment program. Each summer we employ approximately 20 teachers and assign them to science or engineering projects and we have them spend a portion of their time attending lectures and visiting various technical activities.

For the gifted students, we select those of outstanding promise to work on group research projects. Their work has proved to be of considerable value to the community and the companies.

In the classrooms, we established a group of lecture-demonstration teams. Teams were organized in physics, chemistry and mathematics. The procedure was to have each team member organize a lecture-demonstration about his own work. In addition to describing his own work, each lecturer is also asked to talk briefly about his own background and education, referring to specific schools and even courses where this can be worked into the lecture.

Talks are prepared in collaboration with classroom teachers and school science supervisors. Prior to actual presentation, the talks are previewed by several teachers, science supervisors and also by other team members. Comments and suggestions are directed at relating the talks more closely to course content and at adjusting content to the students' level.

Our lecture-demonstration program is now entering its third year. Forty members of the technical staff at Hughes have prepared lectures. Hughes' scientists and engineers have spoken to almost 2,000 science students. Most of these students have heard eight talks.

We have given our lectures in four schools in the Los Angeles area and in New York City's two top academic science schools — The Bronx High School of Science and Peter Stuyvesant H. S.

## Cost and Accomplishment

Is there any evidence that our program has achieved its objectives? We certainly think so.

As a result of our summer employment program, teachers have returned to their classrooms with detailed knowledge of current science applications hitherto unattainable for the high school teacher, except in certain rare instances.

Worth of the summer program for gifted students cannot be judged finally until they have chosen their future careers. In the meantime, we have noted increased enrollments in science and mathematics classes that are in no small measure attributable to this program.

What of the lecture-demonstration team program? Both science teachers and industrial scientists have shown increasing interest in these classroom talks. One technique used in evaluating this program is the questionnaire, checked but unsigned, and with room for free comment. Survey results show that 93% of the students gave the program an over-all rating of "B" or higher and 94% stated that the talks had increased their interest in science. 46% of the students indicated that the program had helped in career planning.

It now remains to consider the cost of the school-industry science program. The salary cost was for summer employment of 22 teachers and 12 gifted students. The first year, the teachers were paid their going teaching salary, but in the second year of the program this was changed to a fixed \$540/month. The gifted students were paid a salary

of \$400 for the summer; in addition, each was given a \$400 scholarship.

This adds up to approximately \$20,000 for salaries to teachers and students for one summer of employment at Hughes.

Hughes employees spent approximately 1.75 man-years on the program in the course of a single year. Each lecturer in giving six talks, spent approximately 14 hours. For the five Hughes professional lecture-demonstration teams, this represents two man-months of professional effort.

The four planning committees concerned with the program together used up two man-months of time in the course of a year. Finally, Education Dept. personnel at Hughes spent about 1.5 man-years planning and coordinating the program.

All this adds up to the previously stated total of 1.75 man years. This time, plus the money spent on salaries, plus the overhead, adds up to approximately \$70,000 for the year's work.

Was this money well spent? My company is built on the application of scientific knowledge. In spending money to improve science education, we feel that we are doing ourselves—as well as our community—a service.



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# **EJC REQUESTS**

# . . . Ban on Technology

Of major concern to the Public Relations Committee of Engineers Joint Council are continued references in the press, on radio and TV, in advertising and statements out of Washington, carrying the phrase "science and technology" rather than the more accurate designation "science and engineering."

EJC is now urging its members to help rectify this by calling attention, wherever possible, to the preferred phrase "engineering and science."

# CIVIL SERVICE

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New pay laws for federal civil service allow professionally trained college graduates to be hired into jobs at grade level GS-7 instead of GS-5

Salary range for this grade is \$4,980-5,880/yr., with appointments for "top-quality candidates" possible at \$5,430/yr. Civil Service Commission is now developing regulations to define top-quality candidates based on their superior college records.

Meanwhile, Congress has authorized the new Space Agency to set up super civil service grades in order to attract key personnel. Salaries for a limited number of scientific, engineering and administrative positions will be allowed to go as high as \$19,000/yr.

# STARTING SALARIES

# . . . Match All-Time High

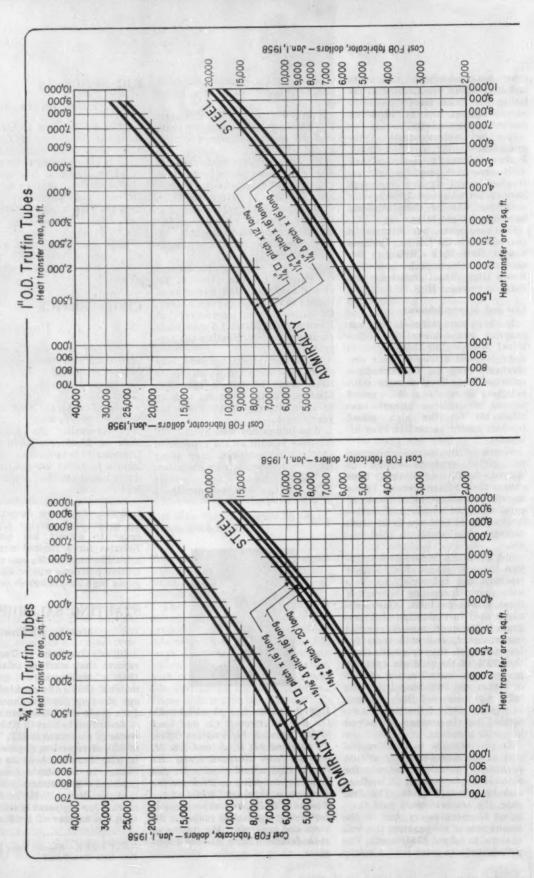
Illinois Institute of Technology reports that starting salaries for 1958 engineering graduates matched 1957's all-time high. Average starting pay for January and June grads was \$470/month.

According to Earl C. Kubicek, director of placement at IIT, "In spite of talk of recession, depression and layoffs, there has been no material change in industry's demand for qualified engineers holding a bachelor degree." He added, "the market for engineers is still greater than the number of graduates."

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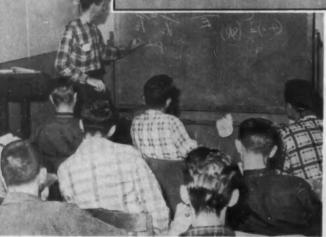
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# Train Your Own Instrument Men

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In June of 1953, six months before scheduled operations in our plant were to begin, we realized an urgent need for trained instrument men. This presented a problem that needed solving immediately.

Very early in the game we made our decision—we'll train our own instrument mechanics. Twenty people were hired as trainees. Criteria for selection were rigorous. We used age, intellectual background and interest as the selecting factors.

These 20 people went through a rigid training program. For the first few weeks of their careers, they had eight-hour lecture courses. This tapered off to a more "leisurely" program of morning lecture classes and afternoon shop sessions.

In October 1953, 20 additional trainees were hired and they were given training identical with the June group. Instructors for both of these groups were instrument department personnel: the instrument superintendent, supervisor, engineers and foremen.

These trainees were farm boys, grocery clerks, automobile salesmen, etc. Today, three of them are good instrument foremen in our department. The rest of these men are top-rated instrument mechanics.

Here then is our story. How we set up a program to train our own instrument mechanics at Chemstrand, what this program consists of, and how you can benefit from our experience.

# What Are the Requirements?

To train someone for a job, they must have the faculties to work with. Let's look at some of the requirements and criteria we've set up to handle this.

• Age—Prospective instrument trainees should be between 18 and 30 years old.

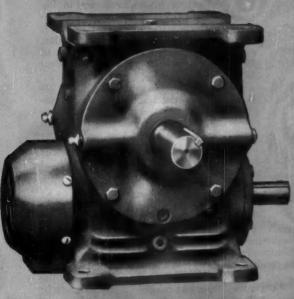
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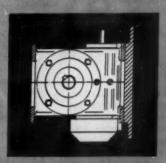
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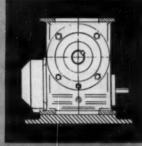
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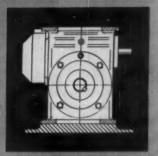
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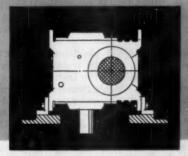
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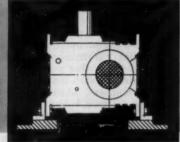


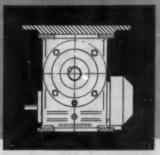












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ment work, we first have each man interviewed by the employment office and then successively by the engineering department, the instrument maintenance supervisor and the instrument superintendent. By compiling these four interviews, it isn't too difficult to determine the interest a person has in instruments.

# Orientation and Safety

Once a man is accepted into the instrument department, either by new hire or inter-departmental transfer, his training begins immediately. It's true, this training is rather slow at the start but it gains in intensity as time goes on.

For the first few weeks of his career, we place the new man in the main instrument shop under the shop foreman's supervision. During this period he's introduced to departmental safety, departmental procedures, various tools of the trade and a brief run-down on types of instruments used in the plant. At this point, the trainee is assigned to an experienced mechanic.

#### Area Rotation: Major Factor

Assignment of the new man to the field under the guiding hand of an experienced mechanic is done on a rotating basis. Every four months (16 weeks) the man is shifted from one area to another.

This is a very important part of the training. New instrument men not only find out how the plant is laid out but also the different types of installations and applications. In addition, they learn how one mechanic does a particular job in comparison with another and the various difficulties peculiar to any one process.

Very early in the game, they're exposed to just what is expected of an instrument man in the eyes of the instrument foreman and the various operating people.

Besides rotation, after the trainee has been in the department for three to six months, he's placed in a scheduled training class and attends lecture sessions twice a week, three hours a day, until the course is covered.

## Training Class is Complete

Content of the training class is contained in three volumes: "Basic

# Training Class in a Nutshell

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Basic mathematics Instrument physics

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Mathematics and Physics," "Principles of Physical Measurement" and "Electricity and Electronics." Each instrument trainee receives a copy of the training volume at the beginning of the class. On completing the training course, all three volumes become his personal property for future reference.

Subjects covered under basic mathematics prepare the trainee to make the computations necessary in ordinary instrument work. Experience shows that a complete review, beginning with the basic principles of numbers, addition, subtraction and decimals, is best. It gives us an opportunity to explain the application of these mathematical techniques to the trainee and helps him increase his speed in the manipulation of numbers.

Studying the other chapters in mathematics, we emphasize application to instrument work. All trainees are urged to further their mathematics to better understand trade literature.

In the physics class, special attention insures a knowledge of the computations necessary to understand physics. We go to great lengths to prevent memorizing laws and to encourage reasoning in their thinking.

We concentrate on subjects, such as: acceleration, gravitational forces, momentum, resolution of forces, kinetic and potential energy, moments, center of gravity and states of equilibrium, mechanical

advantage and machine efficiency.

Special emphasis is placed on items relating directly to instrument problems, such as: stress, strain, density, transmission of pressure in fluids, applications of the law of flotation, specific gravity, effects of molecular forces in liquids, fluid flow, heat vs. temperature, methods of heat transfer, vapor pressure, fractional distillation, humidity, and the applications of the laws of physics to basic plant equipment and processes.

We remain consistent in our approach to sessions on physical measurement and on electricity and electronics. Along with teaching the basic principles, the mathematics for problem solving and the theories involved, we correlate the subject material with actual maintenance problems and applications to processes and equipment.

# Advanced Work Is Encouraged

Our mechanics continue to demonstrate a desire to learn. Many have taken, or are taking, advanced work: electronics, instrumentation and related courses as given by correspondence or attendance of classes at local educational institutions. Chemstrand assists these men through its educational aid policy.

We've also found that our personnel use the training programs offered by the Instrument Society of America's Pensacola Section.

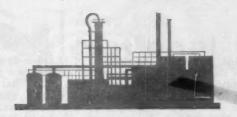
In the past year we've held special training classes for our first-class mechanics. Approximately 120 total hours, representing 3,000 manhours, of training was given.

Helped by manufacturer's technical personnel, we conducted sessions on maintenance, installation and application of various control valves, basic process instrument loop components and other related subjects of pneumatic, electric and/or electro-pneumatic operating principles.

#### Program Is a Success

The caliber of our mechanics justifies, without further qualification, our calling the training program a success.

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# Where the Process Industries Have Maintenance Specialties

	Heavy Process			Light Process		
	Yes	No	No, But Should	Yes	No	No, But Should
Types of Equipment						
Pumps	29%	65%	6%	13%	86%	1%
Instruments	88%	4%	8%	56%	29%	15%
Hydraulics	13%	81%	6%.	4%	89%	7%
Pneumatics	15%	78%	7%	4%	89%	7%
Electronics	45%	44%	11%	31%	39%	30%
Combination Craftsmen						
Electrician hydraulic	7%	86%	7%	3%	92%	5%
Electrician millwright	58%	19%	13%	51%	38%	11%
Electrician mechanic.	23%	52%	25%	34%	45%	21%
Automation mechanic	5%	83%	12%	15%	77%	8%
General mechanic	36%	24%	40%	54%	23%	23%

# How the Process Industries Size Their Maintenance Force

	Min.	10th Percentile	Median	90th Percentile	Max.
Number of Maintenance Cra	ftsmer	/Plant			
Heavy process		40	166	576	2,437
Light process	3	8	37	169	460
Number of Maintenance and	Engir	neering Men/	100 Produ	ction Men	
Heavy process		20	50	140	220
Light process	5	7	20	40	50

# Results of Maintenance Survey

The how, what, where and why of management practices in industrial maintenance is covered in a new survey by Factory magazine.

"... The finest maintenance job. You'll find it in heavy process plants. Others please copy." So went a recently published survey of maintenance practices in industry (Factory Man. and Maint., Sept. 1958, p. 90).

Backing up their sweeping statement with 17 pages of data and tables, the article outlines just where industry stands today in maintenance management.

A total of 359 plants responded to their query. Of these, 59 answering the survey represented heavy process industries with a total employment of 81,000. Light process industries accounted for an overall employment of 82,400 in 79 plants.

This survey represents a radical departure from traditional plant classification. Classically, plants are grouped by products. That's the basis of the "Standard Industrial Classification" (SIC) used by federal agencies.

Based on weight, size and complexity of the equipment in a plant, this new system takes note of the economic penalty incurred when production is interrupted. Reason: these are the very factors affecting the extent of a maintenance operation.

Five classifications set up are: Heavy Process—Heavy equipment, process typ with high cost of interruption.

Light Process— aght equipment, process type, with moderate-to-high cost of interruption.

Heavy Fabrication—Heavy equipment, fabrication - and - assembly type, with low-to-moderate cost of interruption.

Light Fabrication—Light equipment, fabrication - and - assembly type, low cost of interruption.

Benchwork—Very light equipment, benchwork type, very low cost of interruption.

Typical plants surveyed under the "heavy process" category include: industrial chemicals, petroleum refining, steel, pulp and paper, plastics, organic chemicals, magnesium, alumina, synthetic rubber, refractories, synthetic resins, naval stores, titanium, etc.

Falling under "light process" were: pharmaceuticals, soap and fats, glass products, food, paint, dyes, beverages, specialty chemicals, adhesives, cosmetics, aluminum alloys, film, explosives, etc.

Tables shown above are typical and are keys to how the process industries size their maintenance force and where this maintenance force is being specialized. These figures aren't necessarily reliable guides to sizing your maintenance force. They just serve as hints to where you stand with industrial maintenance practice in general.

For a detailed analysis you'll have to check the original survey. Coverage there, is given not only to sizing and complexity but also how industry controls maintenance costs, how maintenance employees are handled (unions, salaries, etc.), what techniques are used to solve maintenance headaches and where plant facilities are being updated.



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Miller has been a Sales Engineer with National Carbon Company since 1953. Knowing chemical plant corrosion problems from actual experience, Steve Miller is well equipped to assist engineers and plant operators on the application, design and installation of carbon, graphite and "Karbate" impervious graphite process equipment.

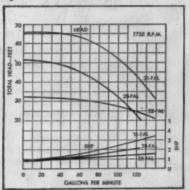
# New Activated Carbon tinds extensive use!

A new grade of "Columbia" activated carbon for use as a catalyst support material has been developed by National Carbon Company. Combining high activity, strength and porosity, the new grade CXC 4/6 is priced at half that of the well-known grade CXAL 4/6 it replaces. Grade CXC 4/6 is expected to give better performance than previous grades in a wide variety of additional uses. It is available in the form of 3/16" diameter pellets. For details, write National Carbon Company.

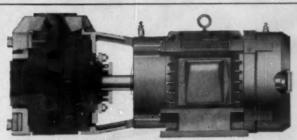
# "KARBATE" PUMP LINE EXPANDED!

Three new sizes of Model F Centrifugal Pump extend Capacity and Head

Three new sizes of Model F "Karbate" impervious graphite pumps are now available to meet the demands of the chemical and metal finishing industries for greater capacities and heads. These are designated as Sizes 22-FAL, 28-FAL, and 31-FAL. Operating at 1750 RPM, capacities up to 150 GPM and heads up to 67' can be obtained. To handle fluids with specific gravities greater than water at the higher capacities and heads, the 28-FAL and 31-FAL pumps are available with 3 and 5 horsepower motors. The chart on the right shows performance curves for

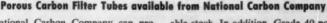


the new Model F "Karbate" centrifugal pumps.



Model F "KARBATE" Pump withstands rough handling

A Model F "Karbate" impervious graphite pump has operated successfully for three years in a large refinery's portable equipment cleaning unit. The "Karbate" impervious graphite parts of the pump withstood the abuse normally encountered in this type of service. However, when changing the seal, the steel support casting was damaged. The body bolts were tightened so hard that the pressure broke the casting. The "Karbate" volute case and cover were not even chipped. Here is proof that "Karbate" impervious graphite pumps are built to "take it" and that the armored design minimizes the possibility of damage even under the most severe operating and poorest maintenance conditions.



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For Nuclear Reactors:

# Zr Is More Popular Than Ever

New economic data, unique properties, boost zirconium to top position.

Zirconium and its alloys are becoming more and more popular as nuclear materials of construction

Why this high regard? Certainly first costs are not the reason. Reactor-grade (hafnium-

free) sponge runs between \$4.54 and \$7.72/lb; commercial-grade sponge is quoted at \$7.50/lb; zirconium tubing at \$40 and \$60/lb.

Of course, corrosion resistance is part of the story: The corrosion rate of aluminum in 500 F. water is several hundred times that of zirconium. And Zr alloys are very resistant to attack by oxygen-free sodium up to about 930 F.

Small amounts of some impurities (nitrogen, aluminum, titanium) decrease the corrosion resistance of pure zirconium. For this reason, alloys such as Zircaloy-2 (1.2 to 1.7% tin; 0.07 to 0.2% iron; 0.05 to 0.15% chromium; 0.03 to 0.06% nickel) and Zircaloy-3 (0.25% tin, 0.25% iron) have been developed. These alloys have a considerable tolerance for impurities.

► High Strength — But zirconium has other properties, many of them unique, which help keep this material up front in the nuclear field.

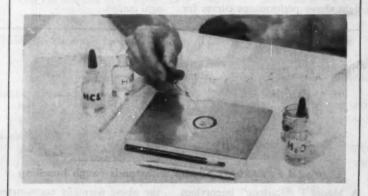
As a structural material zirconium holds its strength at high temperatures (see table). Zircaloy-2 as annealed, has a yield strength of about 16,200 psi. at 800 F., while aluminum's yield strength is 1,500 psi. at 600 F. (commercially pure aluminum).

Resists Irradiation—Also, zirconium has the ability to resist changes in properites as a result of neutron irradiation.

Irradiation causes an increase in the yield strength of zirconium at a somewhat faster rate than the ultimate strength. This means a progressive decrease of toughness and ductility. However, zirconium retains appreciable ductility and toughness after cumulative exposures as high as 5 x 10<sup>ss</sup> neutron/cm<sup>s</sup>, an exposure corresponding to about 2 years in a flux of 10<sup>ss</sup> neutrons/(cm<sup>ss</sup>) (sec).

And zirconium is not difficult to fabricate. It's reactive, so welding must be done in an inert atmosphere. But forming and machining techniques are rou-

Since uranium in some form or other is the most common fuel for current and probably future reactors, zirconium owes part of its popularity in reactors to the fact that it is compatible with uranium and uranium compounds (it is also compatible with thorium). Zirconium can be alloyed with uranium to improve the properties of the fuel or to serve as a diluent.



# Easy Test Spots Different Stainless Types

A new chemical test easily shows up the difference between Type 200 and Type 300 stainless steels (200 is the high-manganese, low-nickel stainless).

Developed by Electro Metallurgical Co., the test calls for HCl, sp. gr. of 1.19 (regular conc. HCl); nitric acid, sp. gr. 1.42 (regular conc. HNO<sub>3</sub>); sodium bismuthate and water.

All you do is place two drops of nitric acid, followed by one drop of hydrochloric on the metal specimen. After the reaction subsides, add two drops of water and mix with a glass stirring rod. Then add a pinch of sodium bismuthate, mix with the rod. If all sodium bismuthate dissolves add small portions until there is an excess of this reagent. After thirty seconds to a minute, 200 will give a dark reddish-brown spot, 300 will give a tan spot.

It's a good idea to familiarize yourself with the test on a known specimen. Also, on sheet material, a ½-½-in. dia. dimple made with a blunt nose punch or a 1-in. circle made with a grease pencil will confine the spot test area.



# Metal chlorides causing corrosion?

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# Important Tensile Properties of Annealed Zirconium

	Yield Strength, Psi., 0.2% Offset	Tensile Strength, Psi.	Elongation,
Zirconium			
80 F.	31,700-32,700	54,500-54,750	42-38
797 F.	7,500	14,500	59.1
932 F.	5,200	11,200	88.5
Zircaloy-2			
80 F.	41,000-43,000	54,600-54,800	32.0-28.7
797 F.	16,200	20,000	37.4
932 F.	13,800	19,500	42.1

▶ Where It's Used—The Experimental Boiling Water Reactor (EBWR) at Argonne National Laboratory employs a fuel alloy composed of uranium, zirconium (5%) and columbium (1.5%). In this case, the zirconium helps to improve irradiation stability of the fuel. Fuel is clad with Zircalov-2.

The pressurized-water reactor (PWR) at Shippingport, Pa., employs a fuel alloy in one section of the core which contains between 90 and 95% zirconium.

In addition to being a useful material for water reactors, zirconium is also useful in other types. The sodium-graphite reactor at Santa Susana, Calif., uses zirconium as a low-neutron absorbing barrier between the liquid sodium and the graphite blocks. The Power Reactor Development Co. plans to use zirconium as a cladding material for fuel elements in its fast power breeder reactor at Lagonna Beach, Mich.

Also, there are the heavy-water-cooled, heavy-water-moderated, natural-uranium power reactors, which will require zirconium alloys for cladding and perhaps pressure tubes.

Depending upon size and type, reactors require from 5,000 to 50,000 lb. of sponge zirconium each. For those reactors requiring the larger amounts of zirconium, capital charges for zirconium will account for an appreciable fraction of the cost of the electricity produced. A further drop in the cost of zirconium, which appears likely, would thus represent a significant step toward economic nuclear power.

A recent study by Mason Benedict, of MIT, discussed the economic comparison of zirconium allovs and stainless steel in nuclear power reactors. This study indicated that zirconium alloys can be used economically for permanent parts of commercial power-producing reactors when fueled with uranium enriched up to at least 4% uranium-235. It shows that zirconium alloys should be used to clad natural uranium-type fuel elements, and that, at current mill-product prices, Zircaloy is definitely competitive with stainless steel for fuel cladding in slightly enriched reactors. Here zirconium can be substituted on approximately a volume for volume basis.

► Some Disadvantages — While it has many advantages, zirconium does have some undesirable characteristics

The reactivity of zirconium limits the re-use of scrap produced in fabrication operations. Heavy scrap can be cleaned and remelted, but fine scrap, such as turnings, is excessively contaminated. Therefore, such scrap must be completely recycled by burning to the oxide, converting to the tetrachloride, and then reducing to sponge. Fine scrap such as machine turnings, must be handled carefully to allow a minimum exposure to air and moisture. Several serious fires and occasional explosions have been reported due to improper scrap handling.

A recent report from Argonne National Laboratory, in connection with the manufacture of zirconium-clad fuel elements for the Experimental Boiling Water

Reactor, states that 46% of the zirconium received in the form of 1,000 lb. ingots was accounted for in the finished product, and only half of the scrap was of a type suitable for direct recovery. ► Breakaway Corrosion — Also zirconium and its alloys have one undesirable corrosion characteristic. After a considerable period of time, the corrosion film loses some of its protective qualities and more rapid corrosion, called 'breakaway" corrosion, occurs.

For unalloyed zirconium in 680 F. water, breakaway begins after about 250 days. Breakaway would not be expected until after very long exposure (thousands of hours) at test temperatures of 600 F or lower. Postbreakaway corrosion rates for unalloyed zirconium are excessively high—on the order of 100 milligram per square decimeter per month. Zircaloy-2, although it has a pre-breakaway corrosion rate slightly greater than that of high-purity zirconium at its best, has a post-breakaway rate much less than that of zirconium-on the order of 7 mg/(dm<sup>2</sup>) (month).

But the future of zirconium in the nuclear field seems secure. There are now four sponge producers: Mallory-Sharon, Columbia-National, Carborundum Metals, and Wah Chang. Total available capacity for sponge zirconium is about 6-million lb./yr.

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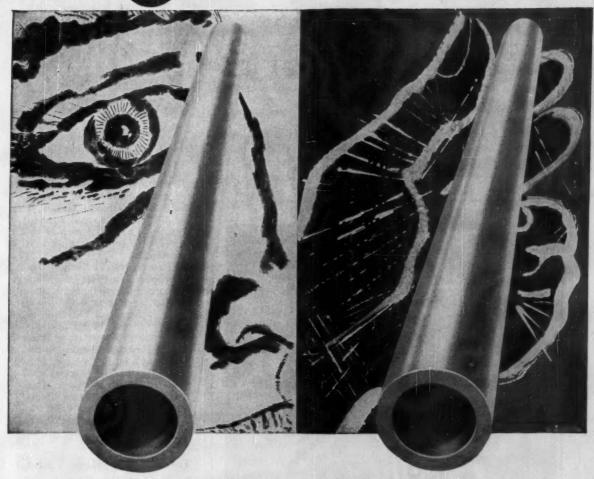
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A leading feature of the process: it's readily applicable to thin sections (formed members, sheet metal parts, and other non-

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The alloy is then bonded to the base metal by heating to a specified temperature under controlled conditions in a pure dry-hydrogen-atmosphere furnace.

The Nicrocoat alloy is furnished as a powder for mixing with Nicrobraz cement. When mixed to the desired consistency, it may be applied by cold-spraying, dipping or brushing.

Thickness of the applied coat may vary from 0.002 to 0.010 in., depending upon the thickness of base metal, design of the part, and service requirements. The thin overlay precludes finish grinding—coating is used in the as-bonded condition.

Three alloys are available for use with the Nicrocoat process. Designated Nicrocoat Nos. 1, 2 and 3, the alloys have a common high-nickel base, but each is intended to meet specific service requirements.

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#### **Giant Graphite Blocks Speed Honeycomb Production**

The large graphite blocks above will permit fabrication of honeycomb panel sizes previously impossible to produce.

Most missile and aircraft designers are turning to stainless steel honeycomb panels for maximum strength with minimum weight. In making these sections, stainless-steel skin surfaces are joined to honeycomb cores in high-temperature brazing furnaces. Graphite is used to support the panels, but until

now, the size of graphite blocks limited the size of the panels.

However, National Carbon has developed new production techniques which permit manufacture of 110-in. long, 20 in. wide and 46½-in. high graphite blocks. Previous blocks were 62-in. long.

A big factor behind this development: single honeycomb panels 10 x 20 ft. are on the drawing boards, and one new chemically-fueled bomber will use 19,000 sq. ft. of honeycomb.

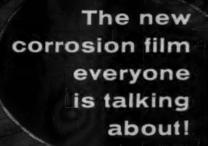
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#### New Hercules Urea Plant Uses Inventa Process

Hercules' 20,000 ton/yr. urea plant at Hercules, Calif., is now in commercial production. Unit is built around Inventa-Vulcan urea process; 75% of production will go into high-nitrogen liquid fertilizers, remainder will be used for urea-formaldehyde resins for plywood and particle board industry.

Chippewa Plastics, Inc., has opened a new \$500,000 polyethylene film plant at Chippewa Falls, Wis. Plant has two of its three floors underground for efficient materials flow: Raw resin drops from silos into feed hoppers on second level for extrusion machines on lowest level. Extruded film then travels vertically upward to finishing machines on ground floor.

Allied Chemical announces that expansion of caprolactam monomer facilities at Hopewell, Va., is ahead of schedule. New units will go on stream Jan. 1, 1959 and will bring annual monomer capacity "in excess of 60 million lb." (Caprolactam is basic monomer for nylon 6 fibers and molding resins.)

Reichhold Chemicals is starting construction on a \$1-million synthetic resins plant in Houston, Tex. Company spokesman says firm is interested in Houston because of the large natural gas reserves and that plant investment may ultimately reach \$25 million.

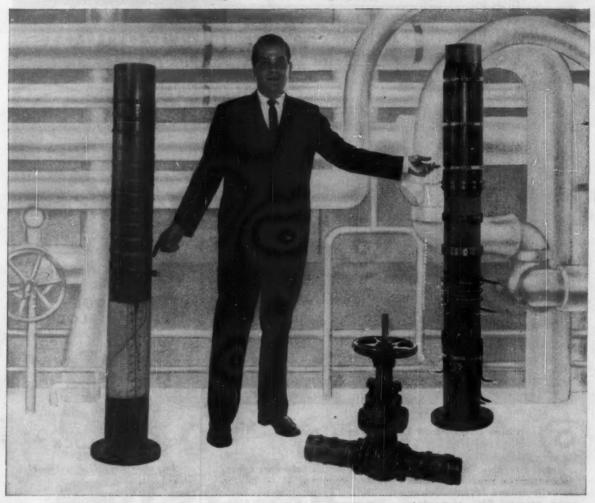
Pennsalt Chemicals has placed a new ammonium chlorate plant on stream at its Portland, Ore., works adjacent to firm's sodium chlorate plant. Ammonium chlorate is used as an oxidizer in solid propellants.

Girdler Construction will design and erect a 3-million-cu.-ft./day hydrogen plant for new St. John, New Brunswick,



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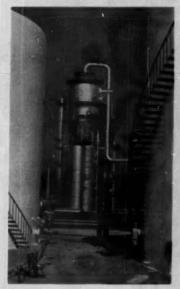
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British American Oil has swung its new \$25-million refinery on stream at Port Moody near Vancouver, B. C. Plant, processing 20,000 bbl./day crude oil, is biggest single project ever tackled by company. Above, storage tanks frame catalytic cracking unit.

Texaco has apparently shelved any immediate plans for an oil shale laboratory at Salt Lake City. Firm bought 25 acres in September in heart of Salt Lake refining district and announced intent to erect a shale oil lab on the site. Now, Texaco officials will say only that "Texaco will begin shale oil production whenever processes make shale oil economically competitive with other oil sources, or when need for oil becomes so great that shale oil must be used."

Atomic Energy Commission announces tentative agreement for adding 1,770 tons/day uranium ore capacity to Gas Hills district of Wyoming. Plans call for building two new mills: 522-ton/day mill by Federal Uranium Corp. and a 492-ton/day mill by Un-





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Hooker has installed "world's largest" silicon power rectifier (12,000 a. at 360 volts d.c.) at its Niagara Falls, N. Y., chlorine-caustic plant. Unit is first of four to be installed in next six months at a cost of \$1 million. Move marks plant changeover from 25 cycle to 60 cycle current.

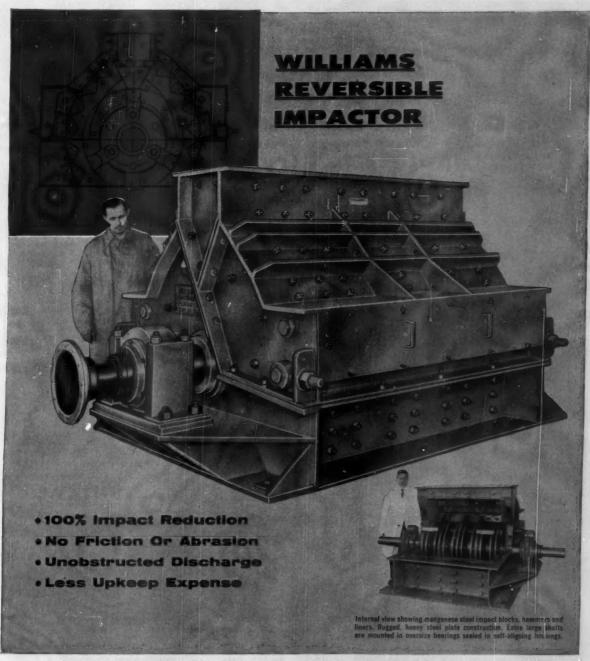
Du Pont will build a polyethylene film laboratory and pilot plant adjacent to Polychemicals Dept.'s principal polyethylene resin facility at Orange, Tex. Company believes that facility will pave the way for commercial film manufacture.

Koppers has landed a contract for 17 Koppers-Becker coke ovens to be installed at Brazilian National Steel Co.'s Volta Rendonda plant. These 17 chemical-recovery units plus three pitch-coking ovens will make up Battery No. 4; Koppers previously erected Batteries 1 and 2 and is now completing No. 3.

Shell Chemical (Australia) will build a \$1.5-million plant near Sydney, Australia, to make epoxy resins. Unit is expected to be completed early in 1960 and capacity will be sufficient for entire Australian demand.

Clinton Corn Processing Co.,
Clinton, Iowa, is installing a
new continuous solvent extraction system that will expand corn germ processing
capacity to 170 tons/day. Supplied by Blaw-Knox, Rotocel
system replaces outmoded
corn oil extraction equipment.

U.S. Government is reportedly planning two nuclear power plants for Alaska in addition to the announced reactor at Big Delta. Power plants will be primarily designed to serve military installations. Fuel oil is currently being flown to two Alaskan defense bases at a cost of \$0.30/gal. to power



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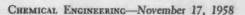




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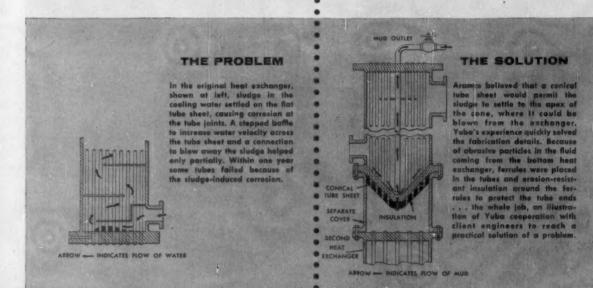






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Monsanto has started up a second 30,000-kw. electric furnace at its elemental phosphorous plant at Soda Springs, Idaho, resulting from increased demand for phosphorous salts from detergent producers. Furnace had been shut down for six months due to sagging demand.

Escambia Chemical Corp. has dedicated its new 50,000-sq.-ft. research laboratory at Wilton, Conn. Facility will house research projects on pharmaceutical intermediates, chemicals for plastics industry and synthetic organic chemicals.



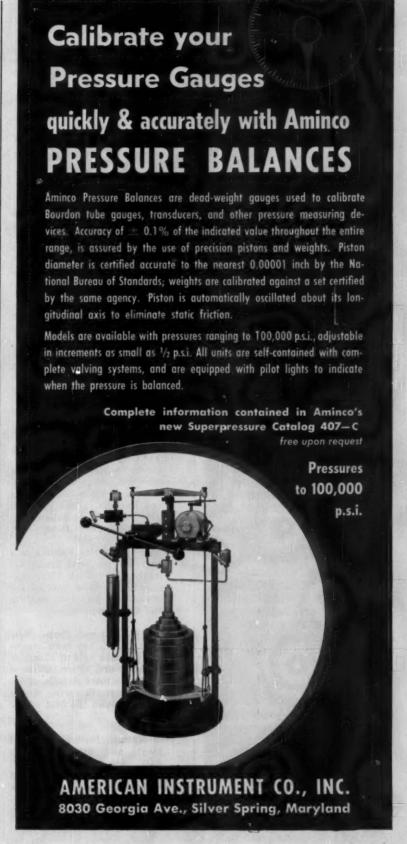
Kennecott Copper is planning to acquire the Okonite Co. through an exchange of shares, subject to approval of Okonite stockholders on Nov. 24. Arrangement will bring Kennecott's copper resources into alliance with a leading electrical cable maker.

Stauffer Chemical has acquired a 50% interest in Fluor-Mex., S. A., presently the sole producer of hydrofluoric acid in Mexico. Plant is located at Santa Clara, near Mexico City.

American Meter Co., manufacturer of gas meters and industrial instruments, bought the Buffalo Meter Co., Buffalo, N. Y., for an undisclosed sum. Firm will be operated as an independent subsidiary.

Thompson Products' stockholders have voted to merge the firm with Ramo-Wooldridge Corp., Los Angeles. New corporate name: Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Inc.

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SunOlin Chemical Co. is being formed as a joint subsidiary of Olin Mathieson and Sun Oil to direct urea activities growing out of new urea plant being built at Sun's Marcus Hook, Pa., refinery.

Vitro Corp. and Koppers Co. announce signing of a joint agreement that will pool resources of Vitro Laboratories and Koppers' Metal Products Div. for work on weapons systems for Defense Dept.

Buffalo Industrial Fabrics is a new company, with headquarters in New York City, supplying industrial fabrics for laminating, filtration, coating and allied applications.

Century Chemical Corp., New York, N. Y., has been organized to enter field of chemical manufacture. Firm says it will have more details of intended manufacturing operations "around the first of the year."

Montecatini, Italian chemical giant, and Stickstoffewerke AG., Austrian chemical maker, have signed a joint agreement to manufacture polypropylene in Austria—initial production of 11 million lb./yr. is planned.



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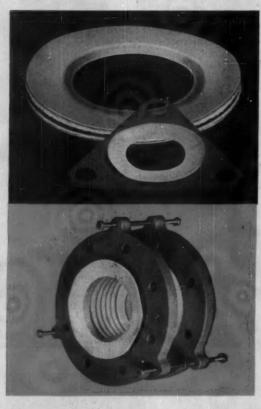
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National Assn. of Corrosion Engineers, Western Region Meeting, Hotel Statler. Nov. 17-19 Los Angeles, Calif.

American Institute of Mining, Met-allurgical and Petroleum Engi-neers, 4th Conference on Magne-tism and Magnetic Materials, Sheraton Hotel. Nov. 17-20 Philadelphia, Pa.

9th National Conference on Standards, Hotel Roosevelt.
Nov. 18-20 New York, N. Y.

Chemical Institute of Canada, Topic: Export for Growth, Shera-ton-Mt. Royal Hotel. Nov. 18 Montreal, Que.

American Institute of Chemical Engineers, North Jersey Section, Lec-ture: Azeotropic Distillation, Uni-versity of Delaware (fee charged for attendance).

Scientific Apparatus Makers Assn., Industrial Instrument Section, midyear meeting, The Cloister. Nov. 20-23 Sea Island, Ga.

American Ceramics Society, New York Section, dinner meeting, topic: Application of Ceramics in Rockets and Missiles, 43rd-St. Brass Rail. Dec. 3 New York, N. Y.

American Institute of Mining, Met-allurgical and Petroleum Engi-neers, 16th Electric Furnace Con-ference, Statler Hotel. Dec. 3-5 Detroit, Mich.

American Chemical Society, 14th Southwest Regional Meeting, Hil-ton Hotel. Dec. 4-6 San Antonio, Texas

The Material Handling Institute, annual meeting, Roosevelt Hotel.

Dec. 7-9 New York, N. Y.

American Institute of Chemical Engineers, 51st annual meeting, Netherland Plaza Hotel.
Dec. 7-10 Cincinnati, Ohio.

American Nuclear Society, annual meeting, Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel. Dec. 8-10 Detroit, Mich.

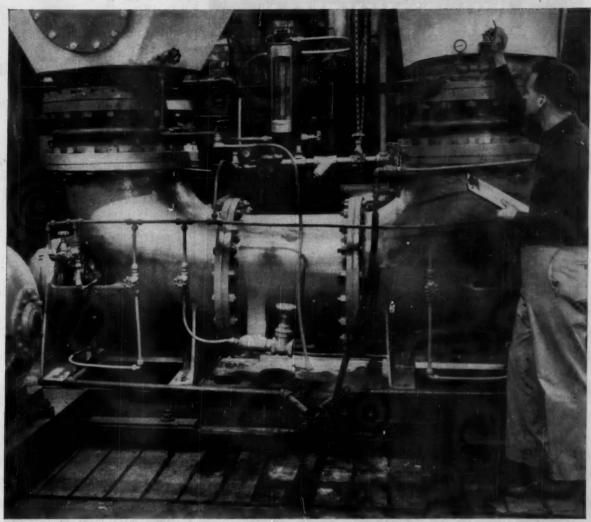
Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Assn., 45th annual meeting, Commodore Hotel. Dec. 9-11

American Institute of Mining, Met-allurgical and Petroleum Engi-neers, Utah Section Meeting. Dec. 11 Salt Lake City, Utah

American Chemical Society, South-east Regional Meeting, University of Florida. Dec. 11-13 Gainesville, Fla.

American Assn. for the Advance-ment of Science, annual meeting, Hotel Statler. Dec. 29-30 Washington, D. C.

American Institute of Chemical Engineers, North Jersey Section, Topic: Oil and Chemicals from Sasol Process, Shulton Lab. Jan. 6 Clifton, N. J.



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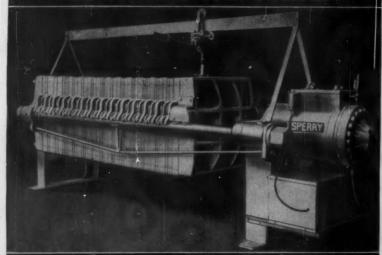
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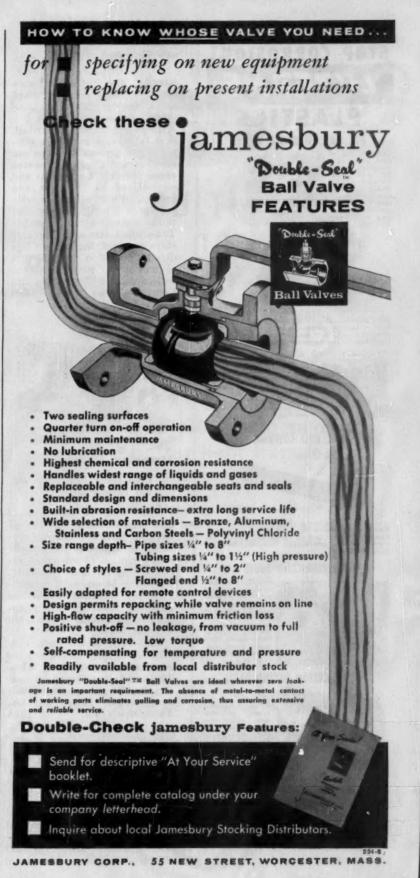
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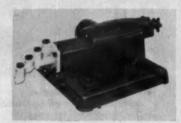
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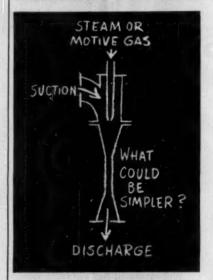
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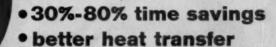
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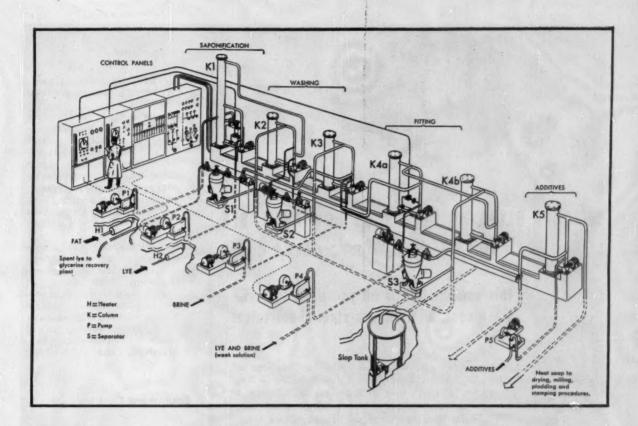
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Chemical	231.7	232.
Clay products	216.0	217.0
Glass mfg	218.8	219.3
Paint mfg	223.1	222.8
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Petroleum ind	227.9	227.5
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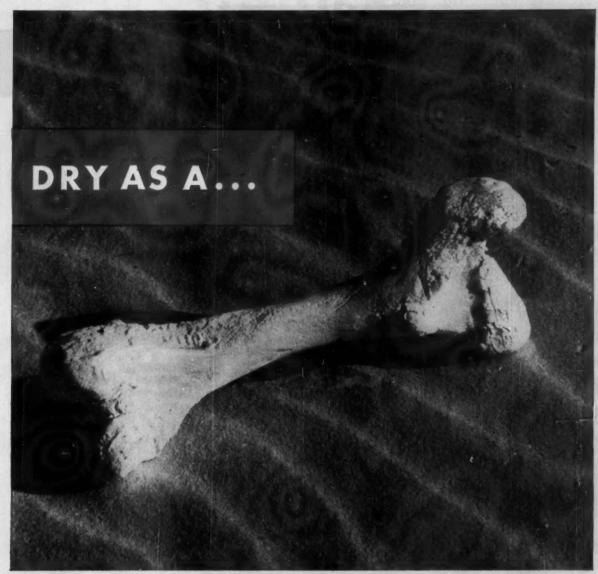
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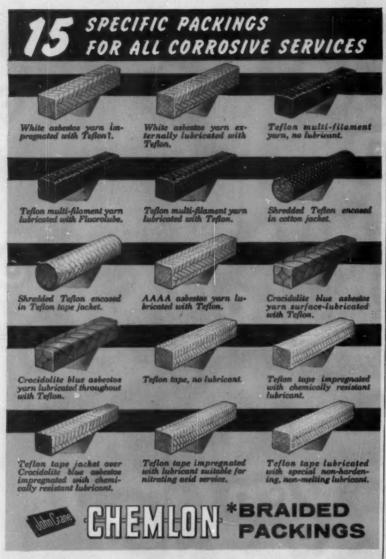
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COMPREHENSIVE INORGANIC CHEMISTRY, Vol. 7: The Elements and Compounds of Group IV-A. By H. P. Klug and R. C. Brasted. Edited by M. C. Sneed and R. C. Brasted. D. Van Nostrand Co., Princeton. 302 pages. \$6.

Reviewed by Kenneth A. Kobe, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Texas, Austin, Tex.

Elements of group IV-A, carbon, silicon, germanium, tin and lead, and their important inorganic compounds, are discussed in this volume.

Thus the field of organic chemistry is excluded, but not compounds in which carbon is tied directly to the other elements of this group, the organometallic compounds. Chapter 3 (22 pages) is devoted to the organosilicon compounds. The other organometallic compounds are discussed briefly in the chapter on the element and its inorganic compounds.

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their compounds follow in order. Final chapter discusses the metallic borides, carbides, silicides and such related compounds as nitrides, phosphides, arsenides, bismuthides, and hydrides.

▶ Industrial Emphasis — Like the preceding volumes, this book is an excellent reference to the important properties of the elements of this group and their compounds. Industrial uses are emphasized because of the great importance of four of the elements. The special chapters on organosilicon compounds and silicate chemistry are most useful.

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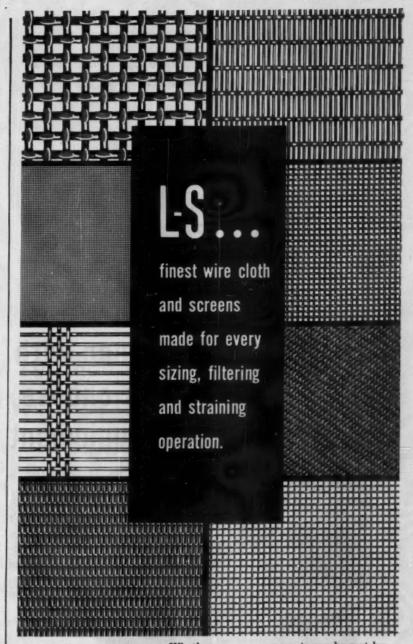
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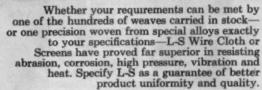
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REPORT ON THE PRODUCTIVE USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY: NUCLEAR PROCESS HEAT IN INDUSTRY. 44 pp. By George Perazich. National Planning Assn., 1606 New Hampshire Ave., N. W., Washington 9, D. C. \$1.25. Describes and discusses types and costs of energy used by manufacturing industries; analyzes potential use of nuclear process heat in 11 selected industries, including petroleum and chemical industries.



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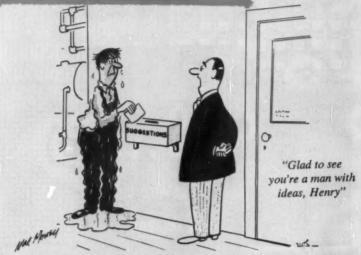
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Sir:

We are extremely pleased with the manner in which you discussed glassed steel in your September 8 feature report on nonmetallic inorganics.

On p. 132 you listed a thermal shock temperature differential for glassed steel of 305 F. It is our practice when quoting thermal shock temperature differentials to relate them to a specific vessel operating temperature. For example, at a vessel temperature of 250 F., the  $\Delta T$  value = 260 F., whereas at a vessel temperature of 450 F. the  $\Delta T$  value = 150 F. Since thermal shock resistance of glassed-steel equipment varies with vessel temperature, there is no standard value which can be generally applied.

DONALD C. DEYLE Pfaudler Co. Rochester, N. Y.

#### It Jes' Ain't Normal

Sir

My brother, Al, recently wrote you that Celanese was also producing butyl alcohol, and you acknowledged his letter in your Oct. 6 edition (p. 194).

What he neglected to tell you was that the rest of our family (the Butyls) are trying to produce butyl alcohol down here in the hills (like our pappy did before us), but it keeps coming out ethyl alcohol instead! We haven't figured out what's wrong yet, but our sister, Ethyl, is working on it in the lab (maybe that's what's wrong!).

# PRO & CON

C. H. CHILTON

Just thought you ought to know the latest.

NORM BUTYL

Al-Co-Hol, Ink. Moonshineville, Ky.



#### Art for Art's Sake

Sir:

I don't find any credit given for the front cover illustration of your July 28 issue.

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JOHN ABBOTT Food Machinery & Chemical San Jose, Calif.

► Reader Abbott knows his paintings, as confirmed below.

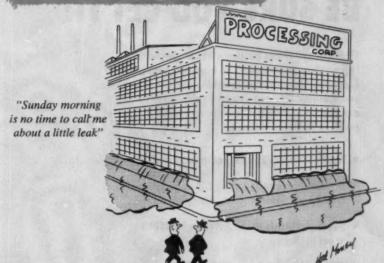
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#### Chemicals

- Alcohol, Denatured . . . . . Citric acid may now be added to toilet preparations containing tartar emetic to prevent clouding according to an industry circular. 37-38d \*U. S. Industrial Chem. Co.
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- Chemicals, Electronic.....Chemicals in which critical impurities are controlled to extremely low levels. Complete specifications on these electronic chemicals available.

  188 \*Mallinckrodt Chemical Works
- Cement....."The Preparation of Magnesium Oxychloride Cements with Westvaco Oxych.oride Magnesia," 15 p., covers uses, standards, chemistry, and physical changes. 204A Westvaco Min. Prod. Div.
- Clays....."Harwick Clays in Rubber" is a new 2-p. bulletin which describes a new addition to the company's line of water-fractionated clays
- clays. 204B Harwick Standard Chemical Co.

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Laminate, Plastie.....Bulletin 4.5.1, 4
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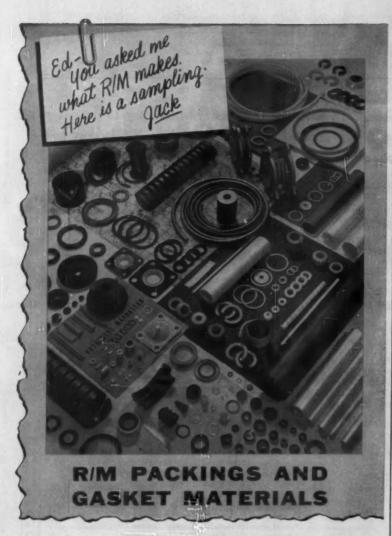
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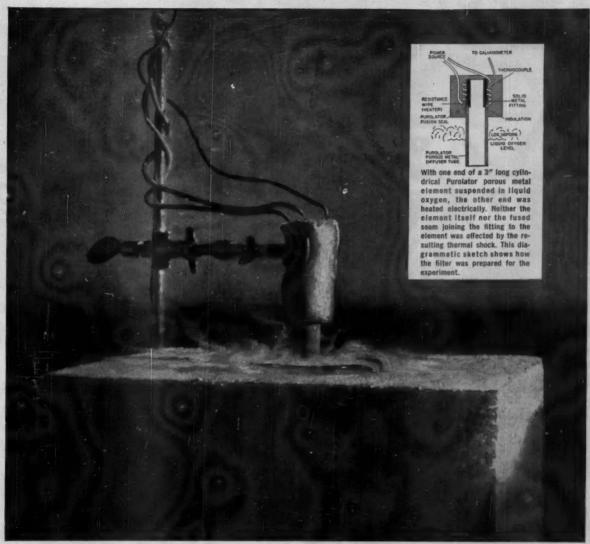
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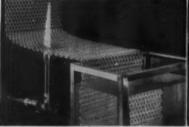
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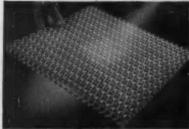
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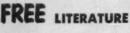
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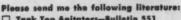
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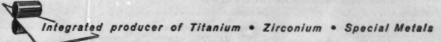


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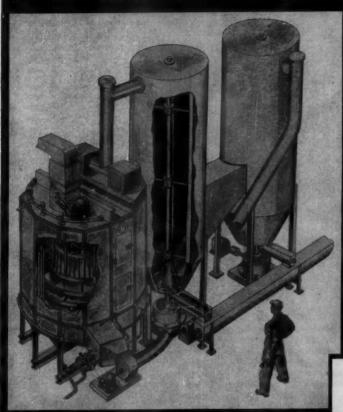
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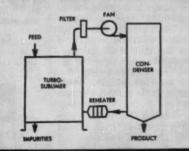
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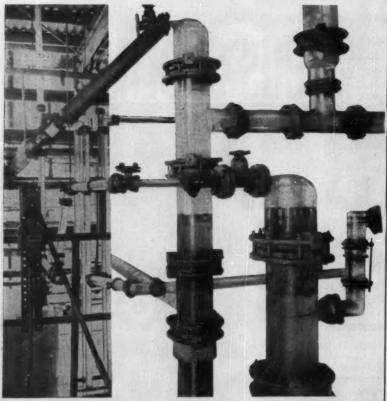
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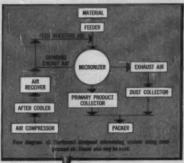
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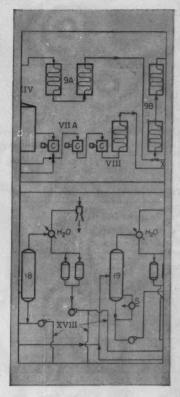
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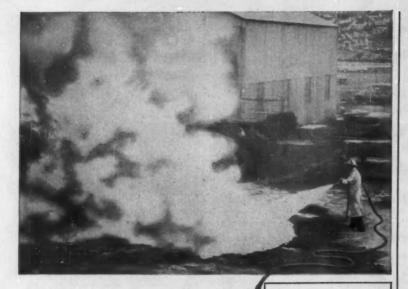


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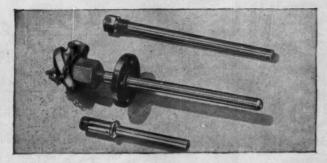
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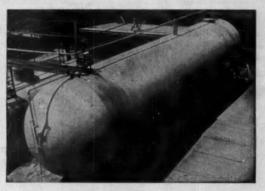
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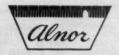
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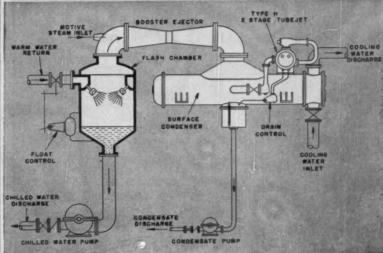
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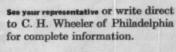
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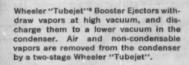
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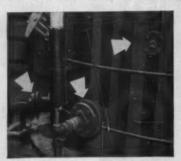
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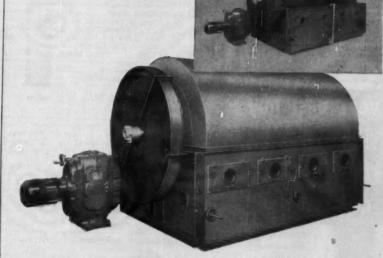
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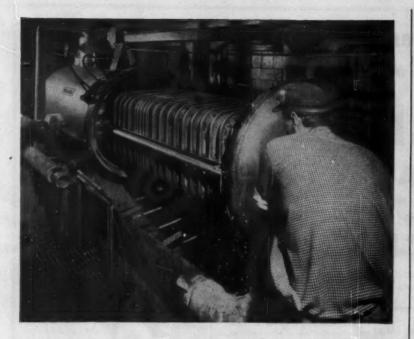
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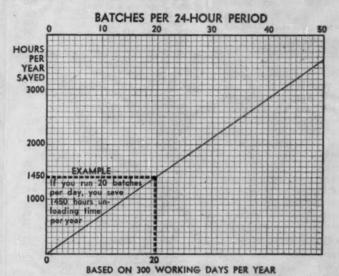
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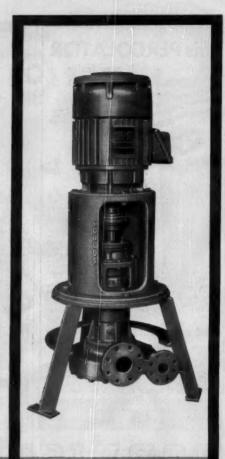
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